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NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

A WBASNY FAMILY OUTING

Children's Theatre Event & Lunch
A Chance to Play and Network!

"CHARLOTTE'S WEB"

Date: Sunday, April 14, 2013
Time: Noon to 3:00 p.m. (*show starts at 1:00 p.m.*)
Place: Queens Theatre in the Park
Flushing Meadow Park, Queens
Cost: \$12.00 per person for Theatre Tickets
\$15.00 per family for pizza & beverages
before the show (*lunch starts at noon*)
Free on-site parking available
RSVP: JFlug@wbasny.org

Hosted by:

Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, New York
Women's Bar Association, Bronx Women's Bar Association,
Brooklyn Women's Bar Association, Queens County Women's
Bar Association, Westchester Women's Bar Association

NYWBA Special Event - Opening Night of the New York City Ballet with Backstage Tour

Tuesday, April 30, 2013
5:45 p.m. - Exclusive Backstage Tour
7:30 p.m. - Performance

NYWBA is delighted to host this fun event. Enjoy a backstage tour by a company dancer and an all-Balanchine performance at a special discount price just for members and guests. Space is limited, so be sure to register soon! For details, see the announcement on page 9.

Save the Date!

New York Women's Bar Association
Annual Awards & Installation Dinner
Wednesday, June 26, 2013

6:00 p.m. - Cocktails, Silent Auction & Raffle
7:30 p.m. - Dinner & Program

At the Annual Dinner, NYWBA will present the **President's Special Award** to **Honorable A. Gail Prudenti**, Chief Administrative Judge for the State of New York, and it will install the incoming NYWBA Officers and Directors for 2013-2014. Mark your calendars now, so you do not miss our most prestigious annual event.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So Much to Celebrate!

MARCH 2013



Hon. Jacqueline W.
Silbermann

We kicked off the month of February with a wonderful cocktail reception at the Yale Club honoring the newly elected, newly re-elected, newly appointed and newly elevated judges in New York County. As you can see from the article and the photos from the event (pages 4 & 5), a good time was had by all! Many thanks to Jennifer P. Brown, who once again chaired this celebration, and to the whole team who worked on it. We are particularly grateful to our Judicial Reception sponsors (listed on page 4), who made this event achievable at a reasonable cost for those who attended.

I continue to be amazed by the wonderful events being presented by our very active committees, including many programs offering CLE credit. Thanks to the Board and a grant from the bequest by our late Founder and Past President Florence Perlow Shientag, NYWBA is able to offer these programs (including all of our CLE's) **free of charge** to our members. (Continued on Page 2)

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Check www.nywba.org for more Meetings, Programs & Events

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS -
ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS
and ETHICS CLE PROGRAM
Thursday, April 25, 2013**

The Annual Membership Meeting and the elections will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be followed by an Ethics CLE program (see announcement, p. 4)

Members in good standing whose 2012-2013 dues were received by January 31, 2013 may vote at the Annual Meeting (NYWBA By-Laws, Art. XIV, Section 1) on the following nominees for the following positions:

OFFICERS (2013-2014)

President:	Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann
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President's Message (Continued from Page 1)

Speaking of members, my thanks and praise to our extraordinary membership team, including our Membership Committee Co-Chairs - Past President Elizabeth A. Bryson and Board Member Michael W. Appelbaum, and our Executive Director Karen Lu, who are doing such a superlative job on our membership drive this year. In February, we submitted our periodic membership reports to the statewide Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, and for the first time, the NYWBA was able to certify more than 600 members as of January 31. We are continuing to work on membership, with a goal of having more than 700 by the end of our fiscal year on May 31st. So if you haven't yet renewed, please do so, and reach out to your friends and associates to join our wonderful Association. Membership has always been a good investment, but now with free CLE credits, it is also a real bargain.

We are anxious to hear from you and learn what we can do to better serve you, and of course to hear what we are doing right. Make your voice heard by getting active in one or more of our committees. I am convinced that both you and the NYWBA will benefit. We are always looking for talent, and if you think you could contribute as a Committee Chair, in planning a program, or otherwise, please send me a note at President@nywba.org.

I am also delighted to report that planning is well underway for our major annual events that will be happening later this year, including our *Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers & Directors* to be held on April 25; our *Annual Awards and Installation Dinner* on June 26, when we will present the President's Special Award to **Hon. A. Gail Prudenti**, Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York and former Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, and will recognize the nine (nine!) female Justices now sitting in the Appellate Division, First Department; and our *Annual Summer Program* for law students and junior lawyers entitled "*What It's REALLY Like to Practice Law as a Woman*" on July 10, 2013. We have a great deal to celebrate, and I hope you will plan to attend.

Finally, I am saddened to report that we lost one of our long-time leading lights. We learned at the end of February that **Past President Mary Cowell Ross** (1955-1957) had passed away at the age of 102. We will include information about her illustrious career and her many contributions to our Association in our next Newsletter, but in the meantime we extend our condolences to her family and many friends.



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**~ NOTICE TO MEMBERS ~
Online Access to "Members Only"
Sections of NYWBA Website**

An email was sent recently to all current members providing the new password for access to the "members only" areas of the NYWBA website. If you are not yet a member for 2012-2013, please join or renew as soon as possible at our secure online membership form at www.nywba.org/membership. If you are a current member but did not receive the recent email, contact Executive Director, Karen Lu (ED@nywba.org) to get the new password or to inquire about your membership status.

COMMITTEE NEWS

- The Civil Courts Committee will present a *Civil Court Express Lunch* on March 12 at 1:00 p.m. - "*A Panel Discussion with Court Attorneys of the New York County Civil Court*" (see notice, p. 11). For questions or additional info email CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org.
- The Criminal Law Committee will present a two programs this spring - "*How to Select and Speak to a Jury - Jury Selection, Opening Statements, and Summations*" on March 21 at 6:30 p.m. (see notice, p. 9), and a CLE Program on "*Persuasive Writing for Lawyers*" on May 13 (see notice, p. 13). To RSVP or get more info, email CrimLawRSVP@nywba.org. Additional programs are being planned.
- The Domestic Violence Committee & NYWBA are proud co-sponsors of the *17th Annual Fordham Forum on Domestic Violence*, on March 4 & 5 (see notice, p. 9). This year's forum, which provides 12 CLE credits, focuses on national laws and policies, including the Violence Against Women Act.
- The Elder Law & Disabilities Committee will present a CLE program on "*Why Your Client's Status as a Veteran Can Be Important to Your Client and Your Practice*" on March 14 (see notice, p. 8). The Committee will present another CLE program on April 18 on "*The Basics of Medicaid Planning*" (see notice, p. 11). For info, email ElderLawChairs@nywba.org.
- The Equal Employment and Opportunity for Women Committee will present a CLE program on "*Pregnancy Discrimination*" on April 18 (see notice, p. 6). Email EEOWChairs@nywba.org for details.
- The Matrimonial and Family Law Committee holds meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Blank Rome, LLP, 405 Lexington, NYC (at 42nd St.). RSVP - MFrsvp@nywba.org. The meeting at the March 6 will feature a program on "*The Matrimonial and Family Law Case on Appeal*" (see notice, p. 10). Planning is underway for additional programs on April 3 (on preparing and defending support cases before the Family Court), May 1 (joint program with New York City Bar on navigating special needs issues for children in divorce cases), and June 5 (common problems in post-judgment proceedings and how attorneys can draft agreements to avoid them).
- The Professional Ethics and Discipline Committee will meet on April 1, at 5:30 p.m. at Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, 488 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor (between 51st and 52nd Streets). Members are welcome. To RSVP email ethicschairs@nywba.org. The Committee thanks Co-Chair Nicole Hyland for hosting. The Committee is also planning a CLE Ethics Program on April 25 entitled "*Duties, Duties, Duties - What to Do When Your Duties to Your Client Conflict with Your Duties to the Court or Third Parties?*" (see notice, p. 4).
- The Programs & Events Committee will meet on March 20 and April 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Law Offices of Jennifer Brown, 570 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1600 (between 50th and 51st). The Committee has also arranged for a special member event at the *New York City Ballet* on April 30 with a performance and an exclusive backstage tour (see notice, pp. 1 & 9). For more info email Events@nywba.org.
- The Solo and Small Firm Practice Committee will meet on March 21 at 8:30 A.M. to discuss members' "*Website Bios and Marketing Materials*" (see notice, p. 3). Bring ten copies and get insights and ideas to enhance your practice. For location and to RSVP, email SSFChairs@nywba.org.
- The Students and New Lawyers Committee will host a Cocktail Reception on March 14 at 6:00 p.m. for current members who are students or junior attorneys (see notice p. 10). For info or to join the Committee, email SNL@nywba.org.
- The Working Parents Committee is planning future meetings. Check the website calendar or contact the Chairs at WPChairs@nywba.org for info.
- Check the *NYWBA Calendar* (www.nywba.org/calendar) for the latest info on Committee meetings, programs & events.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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With their generous contributions, our sustaining members make it possible for us to accomplish so much more. We honor and thank them for their support.

Tiffany M. Evans Marcia C. Goldstein Nancy M. Louden

NOTES ON MEMBERS

NYWBA expresses condolences to long-time member **Karen B. Rosenthal** and her family on the passing of Ms. Rosenthal's mother, Suzanne Rita Rosenthal. In addition to being a beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Mrs. Rosenthal was a co-founder of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America. As the CCFA website notes: "As a patient, volunteer and activist, [she] dedicated her life to helping other patients, and she is personally responsible for the creation of CCFA chapters nationwide." Donations in Mrs. Rosenthal's memory may be made to CCFA at www.ccfca.org. Condolences may be sent to Karen Rosenthal c/o her firm: Bender Rosenthal Isaacs & Richter LLP, 451 Park Avenue South, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10016-7390.

Congratulations to current & past members **Hon. Richard F. Braun, Leona Beane, Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin, Hon. Phyllis Gangel-Jacob, Hon. Shlomo Hagler, Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler, Hon. Barbara R. Kapnick, Hon. Jeffrey K. Oing, Cari Pepkin, Ira B. Pollack, Hon. Martin Shulman, Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff** on serving as members of the Board of Directors or Board of Governors of the **Jewish Lawyers Guild**, which will hold its Annual Dinner on Wednesday, **March 20, 2013** at the New York Hilton (for details and to RSVP, go to www.jewishlawyersguild.org).

Has something noteworthy happened to you or another member? Send your news to Newsletter@nywba.org.

NYWBA Solo & Small Firm Practice Committee

"Website Bios and Marketing Materials"

Join Co-Chairs **Deborah G. Rosenthal** and **Jocelyn L. Jacobson** as the Committee reviews and makes suggestions for members' bios, website presences and marketing materials. Bring ten copies of your materials and get insights and ideas to enhance your practice. The Committee will also discuss plans for programs and activities in 2013. All members and prospective members* are welcome.

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2013, 8:30 A.M.
Place: TBA (check website in advance of meeting)
Cost: Free for Members*
RSVP: SSFChairs@nywba.org

* If you are not a current member, go to www.nywba.org/Membership to join or renew using our secure membership form. To inquire about your membership status, email Executive Director Karen Lu (ED@nywba.org).

ANNUAL JUDICIAL RECEPTION A GREAT SUCCESS

By Susan J. Miller

On February 5, 2013, the NYWBA held its Annual Judicial Reception honoring the newly elected, re-elected, and newly appointed Judges of New York County at the Yale Club. The event was a huge success, with more than 100 members and guests in attendance.

NYWBA Recording Secretary and Judiciary Reception Chair **Jennifer P. Brown** kicked off the festivities by thanking the evening's sponsors, who were instrumental in the success of the event. (See full list at right.) Ms. Brown then introduced **NYWBA President Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann**.

Judge Silbermann welcomed everyone and acknowledged each of the honorees, inviting those who were in attendance to be acknowledged at the podium. This year's honorees include:

- Hon. Nancy M. Bannon
- Hon. Arlene P. Bluth
- Hon. Melissa A. Crane
- Hon. Arthur F. Engoron
- Hon. Paul G. Feinman
- Hon. Judith J. Gische
- Hon. Shlomo Hagler
- Hon. Laura Johnson
- Hon. Barry Kamins
- Hon. Shawn Kelly
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- Hon. Saliann Scarpulla
- Hon. Ann E. Scherzer
- Hon. George J. Silver
- Hon. Anil Singh
- Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff
- Hon. Steven M. Statsinger

It was especially poignant when during her remarks President Silbermann, the former Statewide Administrative Judge for Matrimonial Matters, commented that being a judge was a "good life." She noted the wonderful and important work that judges perform, the remarkable credentials and dedication of the honorees, and the challenges they must meet every day.

After the presentations, the judges, attorneys and guests mingled and networked over delicious appetizers and wine, allowing everyone the opportunity to socialize with and congratulate the judicial honorees (see photos at right).

In addition to thanking our sponsors, we thank Reception Chair Jennifer P. Brown, Executive Director Karen Lu, Past President Elizabeth A. Bryson, Treasurer Ann Gittleman, the Yale Club

staff, and all of the members who worked so hard to make this a successful and fun event.

Susan J. Miller is NYWBA Newsletter Chair and serves as the Principal Court Attorney to Hon. Thomas A. Farber, Acting Justice of the New York Supreme Court for New York County, Criminal Term.

NYWBA Thanks Our 2013 Judicial Reception Sponsors

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Save the Date!

Ethics CLE Program

***"Duties, Duties, Duties ~
What to Do When Your Duties
to Your Client Conflict With Your
Duties to the Court or Third Parties"***

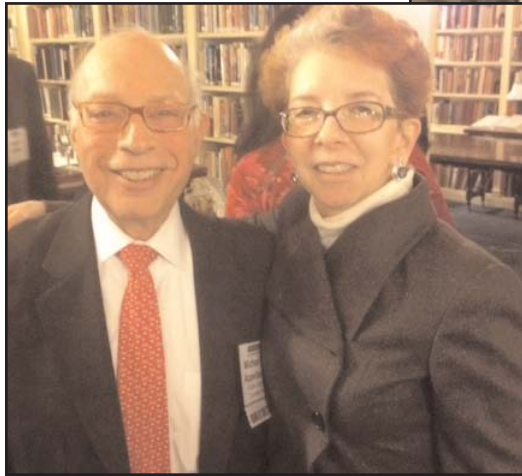
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2013

Time: 5:30 p.m. - Registration & Networking
6:00 p.m. - Annual Meeting & Elections
6:30 p.m. - **Ethics CLE Program**

Planning is underway for this program, under the direction of the **Ethics & Professional Responsibility Committee**.

The evening will kick off with a networking reception, followed by the **NYWBA Annual Meeting and Elections** and then this cutting-edge Ethics CLE Program. Space is limited for this program, so mark your calendars today, and look for event details on the NYWBA website (www.nywba.org) and in the April Newsletter.

ANNUAL JUDICIAL RECEPTION (cont'd)



Estate Planning When It's Just the Two of You

by *Michael B. Salmon*

Planning for the future can take a different shape when children aren't involved. With no braces to pay for, or tuition bills to finance, couples don't have many of the financial obligations that require resources and can impact an estate. On the other hand, these couples must plan for a future that will not include adult children to give them a helping hand - physically, emotionally or financially - as they age.

Estate planning is important regardless of your parental status. A well-crafted estate plan assigns decision makers, designates heirs, and specifies who gets what after you and your partner pass away. It allows couples to create contingencies for individual survivorship and can help minimize taxes. It also can help ensure your mutual wishes are respected as health or cognitive abilities decline.

Assign decision makers. Couples without children can each execute a power of attorney naming their spouse to act on their behalf. Each can also designate an alternate attorney-in-fact to act on your behalf in the event you both become unable to make decisions regarding your finances and property. This person may also be assigned the responsibility of executor of your estate. (Note that naming the same person as executor is done separately and is not part of the Power of Attorney agreement, but is usually done as part of a will.) If you have no children to name, you might consider asking a trusted family member or friend (generally someone younger) or a professional in the estate planning business to take on these responsibilities.

A living will - also called an advance healthcare directive - is another important legal document both of you should have on file. It specifies your wishes in the event of an incapacitating illness and enables your assigned designee to make decisions about your health care on your behalf.

Decide how your assets will be distributed. An attorney can help you draw up a will that specifies how and to whom your assets will be distributed when one or both of you pass away. Without a will in place, your estate will be handled according to the statutes of the state in which you reside. Often, when there are no children or designated heirs identified in a last will and testament, the surviving spouse is the primary heir, then other living relatives, which could include parents, grandparents, siblings and/or siblings' children. If this is what you intend, you can make that clear in your will; if not, determine how you want to split your assets among your relatives, loved ones, and charitable causes that are important to you.

Your estate plan can include strategies for giving financial gifts before or after your death. Under current federal tax law for 2013, an individual may gift up to \$14,000 per person to as many people as he or she would like without gift tax consequences. You can also pay college tuition for anyone without being subject to gift taxes or using any of your annual or lifetime gift tax exclusions, as long as you pay the institution directly.

Create avenues for charitable giving. If you don't plan to leave a significant amount of your assets to family, you may choose to give charitably to causes you're passionate about. There are other ways to be generous in a tax-efficient way while

you and your partner are both are still living. You can donate to a donor-advised fund and receive tax benefits up front, while suggesting how the funds should be invested and later distributed to your chosen non-profit organization. With a charitable lead trust, the charity receives payments for a period of time after which you or your heirs receive any remaining assets in the trust. A charitable remainder trust operates in the reverse, giving you or your heirs a stream of payments for a period of time (not exceeding 20 years) or for life, and leaving any remaining amount to the selected charity.

Plan for the unexpected. Your estate plan should include adequate insurance coverage for unexpected events. Be sure to name the appropriate beneficiaries, including one another, on your respective policies. Since moving in with a child isn't an option, you may wish to purchase long-term care insurance policies that help cover assisted living services or nursing home care as needed later in life.

Consult the experts to create a comprehensive estate plan. A financial advisor can help you and your spouse or partner make plans for the handling of your estate. In conjunction with legal and tax advisors who understand state and federal tax and estate planning laws, you can take steps to ensure you both have sufficient means to live well after the other passes and that your mutual wishes are respected regarding the legacy you leave.



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Save the Date!

**CLE Program on
"Pregnancy Discrimination"**

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mark your calendars now, so you don't miss out.

Planning for this program is underway. Details and registration info will be posted on the NYWBA website and in next month's Newsletter. For info in the meantime, email EEOWChairs@nywba.org.

Presented by:

NYWBA Employment and Equal
Opportunity for Women Committee

**Excellent Program on
"The Role of Trustees in
Supplemental / Special Needs Trusts"
By Mary Ellen Cronly**

On January 31, 2013, the Elder Law and Disabilities Committee was privileged to have as its guest speaker **Sylvia Di Pietro**, an experienced practitioner who handles estates, elder law, guardianship, and litigation matters who serves as an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School and has extensive experience as a CLE instructor in these areas. Ms. Di Pietro presented an enlightening view into the workings of supplemental / special needs trusts, and particularly the duties of trustees.

During her presentation, Ms. Di Pietro illustrated the types of things that can go wrong in the management and oversight of such a trust. In one case, Ms. Di Pietro was appointed by the court to investigate the handling by an institutional trustee of a trust containing the proceeds of a medical malpractice lawsuit that was set up for a mentally and physically disabled child several years prior. Ms. Di Pietro gave examples of the many ways a trust can be mismanaged by an institutional trustee, in this instance a large bank. She described how oversight of a trust can fall through the cracks, especially when the matter is transferred to a series of judges and referees, and neither the trustee nor the child's guardian seem to understand the purpose of the trust or the trustee's duties.

In the exemplar case, the initial court order establishing the trust directed that trust funds be used to purchase a home and special van for the child, to equip the home with special mobility features, and to provide a stipend to the child's guardian (his mother) to care for the child. It was not until Ms. Di Pietro's involvement that it was discovered that the child, for whom the home and equipment had been purchased, had never actually resided there, and in fact the child had never been released from institutional care.

Furthermore, there was no plan to do so, because it was determined that the child's disabilities rendered him unable to live in a home setting. In fact, the child's family occupied the home, and all the expenses of the home were being paid from the trust. The child's mother was receiving a monthly stipend for her care of the child even though she failed to provide such care and the child wasn't even at the home.

The trustee bank had never submitted required accountings to the court and had never obtained the court's permission to purchase the house or van. It had also never ascertained whether the child actually lived in the home. The trustee had failed to comply with the Prudent Investor Act and its fiduciary duty of care and loyalty to its client, the child. The trustee had also mismanaged the *corpus* (principal) of the trust by failing to prudently finance the purchase of the house, and by continuing to pay a stipend for the child's care to the guardian even though the child never lived with her. Furthermore, the trustee allowed continuous and unnecessary depletion of the trust assets.

Ms. Di Pietro described the steps she took to obtain restitution of the mismanaged funds and to provide proper oversight of the trust going forward. She highlighted the inadequacies of the

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CLE Program

**"ETHICS GAME SHOW: Matrimonial
and Family Law Edition"
- with Jeremy R. Feinberg, Esq.**

The Ethics Game Show gives audience members an opportunity to think through how they might have handled some of the strangest, wackiest, most bizarre and unbelievable ethics issues that have appeared in reported matrimonial and family law decisions around the country. Find out what the attorneys and judges involved actually did, and the underlying ethics lessons. Several audience members will compete as "contestants" for prizes in true game show fashion. It's the most fun you'll ever have earning ethics CLE credits.

Jeremy R. Feinberg, Esq. is the Statewide Special Counsel for Ethics and the Commercial Division at New York's Office of Court Administration. He is a regular speaker on professional responsibility, is the Chair of the New York City Bar's Committee on Professional Ethics, and serves as an adjunct professor at Columbia Law School. Space is limited, so RSVP today!

Date: Thursday, March 28, 2013

Time: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Place: PLI New York Center, 810 Seventh Avenue,
21st Floor, NYC (at 53rd Street)

CLE: 2.0 MCLE Ethics Credits

Cost: \$395 (Note: Not Free for NYWBA Members
- it is not a NYWBA Sponsored Event)

To register go to:

http://www.pli.edu/Content/Seminar/The_Ethics_Game_Show_Matrimonial_and_Family/_N-4kZ1z12oy6

Save the Date!

**WBASNY CONVENTION
Philadelphia ~ June 6-9, 2013**

The WBASNY Annual Convention is a great opportunity for Women's Bar members across the state to meet and mingle, to attend cutting-edge CLEs, and to celebrate as WBASNY presents its prestigious awards and installs its officers for the coming year.

NYWBA Member to Receive Award at WBASNY Convention

On January 26, 2013 the WBASNY Awards Committee voted to present its Marilyn Menge Award for extraordinary service to the Women's Bar, to a long-time NYWBA member:

Elizabeth A. Bryson

Beth is a past NYWBA President, a past WBASNY Officer, and has chaired many NYWBA and WBASNY committees. Look for more info on Convention, this award, and other WBASNY developments in the next Newsletter. We hope you will join us in Philadelphia in June. As past attendees can attest, Conventions are great fun!

Solo & Small Firm Committee Hosts Program on "How to Use LinkedIn to Grow Your Practice"
By Jocelyn L. Jacobson

On February 21, 2013, the NYWBA Solo and Small Law Firm Committee hosted an event entitled "**How to Use LinkedIn to Grow Your Practice**," with guest speaker **Vikram Rajan**, co-founder of PhoneBlogget.net and a frequent speaker on the use of social media to both attorneys and certified public accountants.

The program was very informative and provided participants with practical tips on using LinkedIn productively to network, with the goal of increasing business development. One key piece of advice was for practitioners to spend as much time networking online as one does off-line; in other words, at least a few hours per week. Another key piece of advice was to post status updates when relevant, and to comment on the status updates of your connections, which are found on your home page. You should also work to grow the number of your connections, though as attorneys we should *only* connect with people that we know. We should also join appropriate groups on LinkedIn, and then be active participants in discussions in those groups.

There were numerous questions from audience members. A major concern among attendees was about the number of emails that LinkedIn sends out, which can get annoying and thus be counterproductive. Mr. Rajan explained that status updates do not result in an email being sent to your connections, but that profile changes do generate emails. Thus, while it is important to have your profile be accurate and use terms that may appear in a search, you should not update your profile too frequently. In addition, users can change their LinkedIn settings so they do not receive emails from LinkedIn. While Mr. Rajan is not an attorney, he also reminded everyone that the ethical rules governing attorney advertising also govern your LinkedIn presence, so you need to be mindful of those rules.

This was a very exciting event, and each attendee felt that she walked away with at least one new tip she could use.

Jocelyn L. Jacobson is Co-chair of the Solo and Small Law Firm Committee and a litigation partner at Reitler Kailas & Rosenblatt.



NYWBA's Elder Law and Disabilities Committee Presents a CLE Program

"Why Your Client's Status as a Veteran is Important to Your Client & Practice"

featuring

Felicia Pasculli, Esq., CELA

Elder Law & Special Needs Practice of Felicia Pasculli

Asking clients "*Are you or your spouse a veteran?*" can help you identify clients and family members who may be entitled to receive important veterans' benefits, such as prescription drugs, medical coverage, pension benefits, and burial rights, to name a few.

At this CLE program, **Felicia Pasculli, Esq.**, an elder law practitioner and expert on veteran's benefits, will share her expertise and discuss eligibility guidelines for veterans' benefits and other information you can use to enhance your practice and qualify you to be accredited to practice before the Veteran's Administration.

For additional information how you can become certified to practice before the Veterans Administration and use this CLE program to meet your VA CLE requirements, see the announcement at right, or the article on p. 11 of the January Newsletter (www.nywba.org/members).

- Date:** Thursday, March 14, 2013
- Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Place:** Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP
1350 Broadway (btw 35th and 36th), NYC
Host: Amy Goldsmith
- Cost:** Free for NYWBA/WBASNY Members* (\$50 for non-members)** (The Committee thanks NYWBA for helping to underwrite this program.)
- CLE:** 3.0 MCLE Credits*** (Accreditation pending)
- RSVP:** ElderLawChairsRSVP@nywba.org

Due to space limitations, advance registration is required.

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Honorable Susan B. Carbon

Justice of the New Hampshire Circuit Court
(Former Director, Office of Violence Against Women, United States Department of Justice)

Topics will include the Violence Against Women Act, Defense of Marriage Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, Technology, and New Community Responses, among many other issues.

Cost: **\$165** - Full conference (both days)
\$110 - One conference day

CLE: This program is appropriate for newly admitted and experienced attorneys and is approved for up to 12 transitional and non-transitional credit hours. Fordham's financial aid policy for accredited CLE programs applies.

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New York Women's Bar Association

Opening Night of the New York City Ballet with Exclusive Backstage Tour

The Programs and Events Committee has arranged for this lovely event, an exclusive backstage tour, and with a discount price for members and guests. *Space is extremely limited, so RSVP today!*

Date: **Tuesday, April 30, 2013**
Time: 5:45 p.m. - Exclusive Backstage Tour
7:30 p.m. - Performance
Place: **David H. Koch Theatre, Lincoln Center,**
132 West 65th Street, at Broadway, NYC
Cost: **\$50** per person (*paid in advance*)
RSVP: www.nywba.org/BalletRSVP/

Due to space limitations, advance registration is required.

Please join us for this festive opening of the spring season of the New York City Ballet. Opening night features an all-Balanchine program. We will meet in the lobby of the Koch Theatre promptly at 5:45 p.m. and enjoy a backstage tour given by a company dancer prior to the performance. Tickets are limited so RSVP early!

The New York Women's Bar Association Criminal Law and Litigation Committees present

"HOW TO SELECT AND SPEAK TO A JURY - JURY SELECTION, OPENING STATEMENTS AND SUMMATIONS"

featuring distinguished speakers

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY CARY FISHER

Senior Trial Attorney, Kings County District Attorney's Office

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JANET GLEESON

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MICHAEL C. FARKAS, ESQ.

Partner, Sclar Adler LLP

(Criminal Defense Attorney focusing on white collar crimes, serious violent felonies and Military Law)

This program will feature three extraordinary speakers with extensive experience in criminal law and jury trials, who will discuss all aspects of jury persuasion - from jury selection and opening statements through summations. Don't miss this opportunity to add to and advance your skills and knowledge. Questions and role-playing encouraged!

Date: **Thursday, March 21, 2013**
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: **Newman Ferrara LLP, 1250 Broadway, New York City,**
27th Floor, (enter on 32nd St)
Cost: **Complimentary** for members*
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Supplemental/Special Needs Trust Program (Cont'd from Page 7)

current system for administering such trusts and the need for responsible and experienced trustees who will handle such matters ethically and diligently.

Ms. Di Pietro also addressed the responsibilities of a court-appointed attorney in special needs trust cases. The committee members assembled found her talk to be extremely valuable, as well as very interesting and understandable.

The Committee thanks Ms. Di Pietro for sharing her expertise and experience, and it thanks **Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP** and NYWBA Board member **Amy Goldsmith** for hosting this program.

Mary Ellen Cronly is an attorney in Manhattan practicing in the areas of wills, trusts and estates, residential housing and landlord & tenant law. She was formerly a supervising attorney in the Litigation Department of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal, a Court Attorney in New York City Housing Court, and an attorney in the Vista program, where she was stationed at the Civil Division of the Legal Aid Society, Chelsea Neighborhood Office.

NYWBA Matrimonial & Family Law Program

"The Matrimonial and Family Law Case on Appeal"

At this Matrimonial & Family Law Committee event, esteemed judges *Hon. Rosalyn H. Richter* and *Hon. John W. Sweeny*, both Justices of the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department, will discuss key appellate issues, including seeking interim stays, preserving your record for appeal, and presenting the case for or against the lower court decision in the brief and in oral argument. *(No discussion of pending cases.)*

- Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
- Place:** Blank Rome LLP, 405 Lexington Avenue, The Chrysler Bldg. (at 42nd St.), NYC
- Cost:** Free for Members*
- RSVP:** MFrsvp@nywba.org

NOTE: Due to space limitations, advance registration is required. ONLY 2012-2013 members* will be admitted (first come, first serve).

No one will be admitted after 6:30 p.m.
(RSVP's will not be confirmed.)

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The Committee thanks Blank Rome LLP for hosting.

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COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

The Student and New Lawyers Committee is hosting a semi-annual cocktail reception for Committee members to meet, share experiences and socialize.

- Date:** Thursday, March 14, 2013, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
(Open Bar from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., followed by Happy Hour Specials)
- Place:** Manhattan Proper, 6 Murray Street, New York City, b/t Broadway and Church
- Cost:** Complementary for Committee Members
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- RSVP:** SNLChairs@nywba.org by March 6

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Elder Law and Disabilities Program
"Basics of Medicaid Planning"

featuring distinguished speaker

Deepankar Mukerji, Esq.

Of Counsel, Keane and Beane, P.C.
(Former Director of the Bureau of Resources,
Westchester County Department of Social Services)

This program will provide an overview of Medicaid and the requirements to establish Medicaid eligibility at home or in skilled nursing facilities.

Speaker Deepankar Mukerji has extensive experience in this area, both as a former senior official at the Westchester Department of Social Services, and in his current practice, which focuses on elder law, Medicaid planning, guardianships, estate administration, and trusts. This program will provide an excellent foundation for those who seek to include Medicaid planning as part of their practice.

Space is limited, so RSVP today!

- Date:** Thursday, April 18, 2013
- Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Place:** Newman Ferrara LLP
1250 Broadway, 27th Fl., NYC
- Cost:** Free for Members*
(\$35 non-members**)
- CLE:** 1.5 MCLE Credits** (Accreditation pending)
- RSVP:** Members and non-members register at ElderLawRSVP@nywba.org. Non-members should send payment by check to: NYWBA, 132 East 43rd Street, #716, The Chrysler Building, New York, NY 10017-4019 & mark "Medicaid CLE" in the memo field.

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Thanks as well to Newman Ferrara LLP for hosting.

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New York Civil Court Express Lunch Series

NYWBA Civil Courts Committee is proud to present the "New York Civil Court Express Lunch Series," where you can learn from the real-world experience of fellow practitioners and Civil Court staff, network, and enjoy a light lunch. Our program will be of particular import to Civil Court practitioners.

**"Panel Discussion — Have You Met
the Court Attorneys of the
New York County Civil Court?"**

- Date:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- Place:** New York Civil Courthouse, 111 Centre Street, 12th Floor Board (Attendees must check in via the White Street entrance)
- Cost:** Free for members/\$20.00 non-members*
- RSVP:** CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org

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Extraordinary CLE Program on "Crafting an Examination of the Custody Forensic Expert as Attorney for the Child"

By *Magnolia D. Levy*

For family law practitioners involved in a custody case, the forensic report is often the focal point of the case and, if handled properly, can be a veritable treasure trove of information. Led by **Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan**, one of New York County's Matrimonial Part Justices and **Susan L. Bender**, a partner at Bender Rosenthal Isaacs & Richter, LLP, more than 45 members of the Matrimonial and Family Law Committee met at the law offices of Blank Rome, LLP on February 6 for a CLE program entitled "*Crafting an Examination of the Custody Forensic Expert as Attorney for the Child.*"

The issuance of an Order Appointing a Forensic Evaluator traditionally defines the scope of the forensic evaluation. Any presumption that such orders are all identical was rejected by Justice Kaplan, who advised that the Order is where the Court identifies the issues regarding custody and parenting, often for the first time in the case. Thus, while most orders provide that the evaluator is to address "the parties' respective parenting skills and abilities, their ability to communicate and work together concerning custody and access, and the questions related to parental fitness," Justice Kaplan underscored that the Order often directs the evaluator to consider domestic violence, alcohol and substance abuse, mental health, and many other case-specific issues.

While reviewing and understanding the Order of Appointment is critical for all attorneys involved in a custody dispute, for the Attorney for the Child it is especially important. As Ms. Bender explained, the Order identifies the real and specific issues that impact on the child and his or her well being. It can also enlighten the Attorney for the Child in counseling the child, as well as advocating for him or her.

Both presenters effectively moved the program from the general topic of the forensic report to how the Attorney for the Child can prepare to examine the forensic evaluator. Specifically, Ms. Bender, who has represented both parents and children in custody trials, underscored that her approach to examining the forensic evaluator as the Attorney for the child differs from her approach when advocating for one of the parents. The most significant difference is that the need to challenge the evaluator, on his or her "conclusions" or "opinions" and the empirical basis for same, is often not warranted when she is representing the child and charged with ensuring that all important information is in the record so that the Court can determine the child's best interests. Thus, Ms. Bender's approach as the Attorney for the Child is a more fact-based one, and she considers how those facts can and will aid the court in weighing each parent's parenting capacities, judgment, ability to place the child's needs ahead of his or her own needs and, of utmost importance, each parent's ability to foster a relationship between the child and the other parent. Justice Kaplan supported this approach, noting that she expects the Attorney for the Child to elicit specific information to aide her in determining these very issues, *i.e.*, the child's best interests.

Although the forensic evaluator is not under attack by Ms. Bender when she acts at Attorney for the Child, she insisted that attorneys be intimately familiar with the various guidelines that govern the custody evaluation, as those guidelines furnish useful areas of examination. Specific reference was made to the Model Standards of Practice for Child Custody Evaluation promulgated by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and the American Psychological Association Guidelines for Child Custody Evaluations in Family Law Proceedings, copies of which were included in the materials. Members were encouraged to consider the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers' Model for Parenting Plan, also provided, as a benchmark for areas of examination on behalf of the child. Members were urged to use the many resources available, since online publications are readily accessible, along with seminal treatises in this area. Justice Kaplan and Ms. Bender both referred to *The Art and Science of Custody Evaluations* by Jonathan W. Gould, ABPP and David A. Martindale, PhD.

Following this overview of the Attorney for the Child's role and the scope of the forensic evaluation, the presenters focused on specific facts that need to be elicited from the forensic evaluator by the Attorney for the Child. For example, information about each parent's interaction with the child is important. By the time of trial, the Attorney for the Child is familiar with the child and aware of the child's wishes, feelings and the like, and should know how the child experiences the time with each parent.

When eliciting information as to a parent's judgment, it may be relevant to ask the forensic evaluator about statements made by a parent in front of the child, *i.e.*, if the parent mentioned his or her feelings towards the other parent in front of the child and ignored their impact on the child. Alternatively, where a child has expressed a "preference" to spend many nights with one parent, it would be helpful for the Attorney for the Child to examine the basis for the so-called "preference" knowing, for instance, that the "preferred parent" allows the child to stay up late and play video games. Awareness of whether your client speaks with one parent when with the other is another area of examination. The forensic evaluator may or may not have fully explored the fact that when the child is with his mother, he rarely speaks with his father.

Interestingly, both Justice Kaplan and Ms. Bender stressed that merely repeating the contents of the report is useless, as in most cases, the report is in evidence (albeit with some limitations as to hearsay from the collaterals, a subject also briefly touched upon during the meeting.) Thus, in considering the forensic evaluator's summary of the meetings between each parent and the child, both speakers encouraged the Attorney for the Child to go beyond the written report and ask probing questions about the nature and quality of the interaction, such as the child's appearance, body language, facial expressions, comments etc. These facts often get condensed into the report, wherein the child is described as having "enjoyed" the time with the parent.

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CLE Program (Continued from Page 12)

The presentation raised a number of interesting side-topics that sparked lively discussions, the first of which was who gets to see the forensic report once it is completed. Mention was made of the three different proposals regarding this topic now being considered by the Office of Court Administration as a result of the decision in Sonbuchner v. Sonbuchner, 96 A.D.3d 566, 947 N.Y.S.2d 80 (1st Dept. 2012). There, the First Department held that "counsel and *pro se* litigants should be given access to the forensic report under the same conditions." *Id.* at 568. Sonbuchner involved a *pro se* litigant who was prevented from having access to the forensic expert's report by the lower court prior to the expert testifying.

A second topic raised concerned the value of the forensic report, especially considering the amount of hearsay it necessarily contains. Practitioners must be sure to establish which collateral sources (mental health providers, doctors, teachers, care givers, etc.) were seen and why, in order to ensure that the court has a clear understanding of source of the information contained in the report. This necessarily involves a consideration of the hearsay contained in the report, although notably there is no uniform position within New York State on the admissibility of hearsay in these reports, see, e.g., Lubit v Lubit, 65 A.D.3d 954, 885 N.Y.S.2d 492 (1st Dept. 2009); Matter of Khan v Dolly, 6 A.D.3d 437, 774 N.Y.S.2d 365 (2nd Dept. 2004; Matter of Matthews v. Matthews, 72 A.D.3d 1631, 899 N.Y.S.2d 496 (4th Dept. 2010).

In closing, the matter of a *Lincoln* hearing (an *in camera* interview by a judge of the child or children involved in a custody dispute) was addressed, given its unique function during the course of a custody trial and considering the Attorney for the Child's express involvement in that hearing. The Attorney for the Child's duty and obligation to make sure the child fully understands what the hearing is about cannot be minimized. Regardless of who they represent, attorneys were urged by the speakers and many members to consider the impact that a *Lincoln* hearing is likely to have on the child - it will be an experience the child may never forget and should be resorted to only if all other avenues are exhausted.

The Matrimonial & Family Law Committee thanks the speakers for their time and expertise, and it thanks Blank Rome LLP for hosting the event.

Magnolia D. Levy is a member of the NYWBA Matrimonial & Family Law Committee. She is a partner at McLaughlin & Stern, LLP and represents clients in all aspects of matrimonial and family law, including pre- and post nuptial agreements, divorce negotiation and litigation, equitable distribution, spousal support, custody and visitation issues.



Program Speakers Hon. Deborah Kaplan and Susan L. Bender



Mark Your Calendar!

The New York Women's Bar Association
Criminal Law Committee presents ~ CLE Program
"Persuasive Writing for Lawyers"

featuring

Honorable Gerald Lebovits

Judge of the New York Civil Court, New York County

Planning for this CLE program is underway,
but save the date so you do not miss this event.

- Date:** Monday, May 13, 2013
- Time:** 6:00 p.m.
- Place:** TBA
- CLE:** TBA (accreditation pending)
- Cost:** Complimentary for members*
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- RSVP:** Email CrimLawRSVP@nywba.org
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