

NYWBA

NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

Annual Mentoring Circles Reception

New Date – April 28, 2014

NYWBA's Mentoring Circles Program will hold its **Annual Reception** for new and continuing members on **April 28, 2014** – see full announcement, p. 2. (This event was postponed from Feb. 3 due to weather.)

Save the Date!

May 8, 2014

Marriott Marquis, Times Square

NYWBA is honored and delighted to invite you to a Dinner and Conversation with long-time NYWBA member

Honorable Sonia Sotomayor
Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court

To whom the **Hon. Jacqueline W. Silberman**
will present **THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL AWARD**

Planning for this special event is underway, so be sure to mark your calendars and look for details in the next Newsletter and online at www.nywba.org.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NYWBA Reaches Major Milestone!

NYWBA has set a new record for total membership! With one-third of our fiscal year still to go, NYWBA has more members now than we did at the end of last year, and more than any other Chapter of WBASNY has ever had. In addition to growing the Association, this also means that NYWBA will have 12 representatives able to vote at WBASNY Board meetings next year (the President plus 11 NYWBA members serving as WBASNY Directors). We achieved the distinction of having 10 WBASNY Directors back in 2003-04, so earning an 11th is a wonderful accomplishment.

None of this would have happened without our Membership Committee, under the leadership of Co-Chairs **Michael Appelbaum** and Past President **Elizabeth Bryson**; Executive Director **Karen Lu**; and our Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs.

I am also delighted that our Cocktail Reception at the Yale Club to celebrate the newly elected, newly re-elected, and newly appointed judges in New York County was such a success. Members had the great pleasure to mingle with new Court of Appeals Associate Judges **Hon. Jenny Rivera** and **Hon. Sheila Abdus-Salaam**; as well as with **Hon. Barbara R. Kapnick**, newly appointed Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department; and with many other esteemed judges. Many thanks to our event Co-Chairs, Vice President **Jennifer P. Brown** and member **Magnolia Levy**, our sponsors, and the entire event team for making this exquisite event so special.

Speaking of our esteemed judges, we are thrilled to announce that our honoree at this year's **Annual Dinner** will be **Hon. Sonia Sotomayor**, Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Planning is underway for this event, which will be held on May 8, 2014, so mark your calendars and look for more information in the next Newsletter and on our website.

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Hon. Jacqueline W. Silberman

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Announcements & Calendar of Upcoming Events:

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- 3/27 – Solo & Small Firm Comm. – CLE – *Using Social Media* – p.8
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- 4/24 – NYCLA Foundation - *Tribute to Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin* – p.10
- 4/28 – *Annual Mentoring Circles Reception* (new date)– pp. 1,2
- 5/1 – Elder Law Comm. – CLE – *Incapacitated Persons under Art. 81* – p.3
- 5/8 – **NYWBA Annual Dinner featuring Hon. Sonia Sotomayor** – p.1
- 5/19 – Crim Law & Int'l Human Rts Comm's. – CLE – *Human Trafficking* – p.3

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

NYWBA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

At its December 4, 2013 meeting, the *NYWBA Committee on Nominations* nominated the following candidates to serve for the positions and terms stated below.

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The elections will be held at the Association’s Annual Membership Meeting on April 24, 2014. (See meeting notice, page 3.)

President’s Message (Continued from Page 1)

We also hope you will plan to join members of NYWBA and other Chapters on June 6-8 at the **WBASNY Convention**, which will feature long-time member **Hon. Sheila Abdus-Salaam** as keynote speaker. Look for your invitation coming soon.

At Convention (on June 8), WBASNY will present its prestigious **Marilyn Menge Award** to **Hon. Phyllis Gangel-Jacob**. Justice Gangel-Jacob, who will be joining our Advisory Council as of June 1st, has served on the NYWBA Board for 20 years. Among other reasons, she is being honored for her role as one of the founders of WBASNY, as she was integral in forming our statewide confederation of women’s bar associations in 1980. Professionally, she served as a jurist on the New York City Civil Court; New York Supreme Court; and as a Justice of the Appellate Term, First Department; and since her retirement from the bench has served as a Judicial Hearing Officer. We simply couldn’t be more proud of Justice Gangel-Jacob or thankful for her extraordinary service.

We are also looking forward to our **Annual Meeting, Elections and Ethics CLE** on **April 24**. I encourage you to read the Notice to Members (p. 3), and the slate of candidates selected by our Nominations Committee (p. 2) in advance of this event. I am convinced that the incoming class of directors and officers, and in particular President-nominee **Yacine Barry-Wun**, will make our organization proud.

Our membership year continues through May 31st, so be sure to renew if you haven’t yet done so. Plus, anyone who joins as a NEW member between now and the end of May 2014 will automatically have their membership extended through May 31, 2015! Let’s keep up the pace and set a new record for the end of the year.

In the words of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, I am confident in saying that we are well equipped to continue to "even the playing field" in society and in the workplace, and work to ensure "that women have an equal chance to aspire to follow their dreams."



Annual Mentoring Circles Reception

Monday, Apr. 28, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

(New Date – postponed from Feb. 3 due to weather)

Covington & Burling LLP

New York Times Building, 620 Eighth Avenue, NYC
 (between 40th & 41st Street)

RSVP at www.nywba.org/MentoringCircles

NYWBA’s Mentoring Circles Program allows members at all stages of their careers to join with their peers to foster their personal and professional development. Members benefit from direct mentoring as they share ideas for meeting challenges in their careers and personal lives in a supportive and encouraging environment. This year’s Reception will feature an insightful discussion led by an author who has researched and developed tools and techniques for staying resilient and productive even under chaotic and ever-changing circumstances:

Sharon Melnick, Ph.D.

Author of the Highly-Claimed Book
Success Under Stress: Powerful Tools for Staying Calm, Confident and Productive When the Pressure’s On

The Reception is open at **NO CHARGE** to all *current* members* who expressed an interest during the open enrollment period.
 Register for the Reception at www.nywba.org/MentoringCircles.

* If you are not a current member, join or renew before the Reception using our secure online membership form - www.nywba.org/Membership.

COMMITTEE NEWS

- The **Civil Courts Committee** will meet on **Mar. 12** at 1:00 p.m. to plan future events (see web calendar). Email CivilCourtChairs@nywba.org for details & to RSVP.
- The **Criminal Law Committee** will present a CLE on **"Human Trafficking"** on **May 19**. (Planning underway; see web calendar for details as they are finalized.)
- The **Diversity Committee**, under the leadership of **Ami Prabhu Mahabaleswara** and **Marjorie Martin**, will present a **"Color of Justice Program"** on **Mar. 28** to provide female high school students with mentoring and info about the practice of law (see web calendar).
- The **Elder Law & Disabilities Committee** will sponsor a CLE entitled **"End of Life Care: Wishes Wants and Needs, Hospice and Palliative Care Experience"** on **Mar. 27** at 6 p.m. (see notice, p. 4). On **May 1**, the Committee will present **"Counsel to Alleged Incapacitated Persons in Article 81 Proceedings"** (see web calendar).
- The **International Human Rights Committee** will meet **Mar. 19** at 6 p.m. On **Apr. 8**, it will present a CLE on **"Immigration and Human Rights."** Email IntlChairs@nywba.org for details about the meeting and CLE, and to RSVP. The Committee will also co-sponsor the Criminal Law Committee's CLE on **"Human Trafficking"** on **May 19** (see above).
- The **Litigation Committee** will present **"A View from the Bench: Effective Writing for Motion & Appellate Practice"** on **Apr. 1** (see notice, p.12).
- The **Matrimonial & Family Law Committee** will sponsor a CLE entitled **"Basis Tax Issues for the Matrimonial Lawyer - Part II"** on **Mar. 5** at 6:00 p.m. (sold out; see notice, p. 10). The Committee will present **"Supervised Visitation: Does it Help?"** on **Apr. 2** at 6 p.m. (see notice, p. 4). The Committee has rescheduled the CLE **"What to do about the Post-Judgment Blues"** to **Jun. 4** at 6 p.m. (see notice, p. 12). See web calendar for program details.
- The **Mentoring Committee's Annual Mentoring Circles Reception** has been rescheduled to **Apr. 28** at 6 p.m. (see notice, pp. 1, 2).
- The **Professional Ethics & Discipline Committee** will present an Ethics CLE on **Apr. 24**, immediately after the *Annual Meeting & Elections*. (Planning underway; see web calendar for details as they are finalized.)
- The **Reproductive Rights & Women's Health Committee** will meet on **Mar. 13** at 6:30 p.m. at Rottenstreich & Ettinger LLP, 150 East 58th St., 21st Fl. (btw 3rd/Lexington Ave.), NYC. Email ReproductiveRights@nywba.org to RSVP.
- The **Solo & Small Firm Practice Committee** will host a CLE on **"How to Effectively and Ethically Use Social Media"** on **Mar. 27** at 6 p.m. (see notice, p.8). The Committee presents **"Women and Rainmaking"** on **Apr. 23** at 6 p.m. (see notice, p.4).
- The **Students & New Lawyers Committee** meets on the second Thursday of most months. The next meeting, on **Mar. 13** at 6:00 p.m., will feature **Leona Beane, Esq.** (see notice, p.7).
- The **Trusts & Estates Committee** will co-sponsor a CLE entitled **"Attorneys Beware: Estate Planning After Schneider"** on **Mar. 6** at 6:30 p.m. (see notice, p.10). The Committee will host **"Lunch with New York Surrogate Judge Hon. Nora Anderson"** on **Mar. 19** at 1 p.m. (see notice, p.7).
- The **Working Parents Committee** will hold a **"Brown Bag Lunch Meeting"** on **Mar. 11** at 12:30 p.m. Email WPChairs@nywba.org to RSVP. It also plans to hold similar meetings on **Apr. 8**, **May 13** and **Jun. 10** at 12:30 p.m., so mark your calendars. (See web calendar for locations.)

OTHER EVENTS

- **Law & Reorder** – **Mar. 11** – **"What In-House Counsel Want"** (see p.11)
- **WBASNY Board & Committee Meetings** – **Mar. 15** (see web calendar)
- **Nat'l Assn of Women Lawyers** – **Mar. 19-20** – **Annual Meeting & Programs** (see p.12)
- **NYWBA Annual Meeting & Elections** – **Apr. 24** (see notice, at right)
- **NYCLA Foundation Fundraiser** – **Apr. 24** – **"Tribute to Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin"** (see p. 10)
- **NYWBA Annual Dinner** – **May 8**, featuring **Hon. Sonia Sotomayor** (see p. 1)

NOTICE TO MEMBERS – ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

The **NYWBA Annual Membership Meeting** will be held on **April 24, 2014**, when the President & Treasurer will present reports on the State of the Association and its finances, and the Association will hold elections for Officer, Director, and Delegate positions. (See p.2 for the *NYWBA Nominations Committee Report*, which includes a list of all open positions, terms of office and nominees, as well as a list of Directors continuing in office.)

Article XIV, Section 1 of the By-Laws provides that only members who are in good standing and whose membership dues were received by **January 31, 2014** may vote at the Annual Meeting.

Article XVII, Section 10 of the By-Laws provides that any fifty members eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting may, by a writing delivered to the Corresponding Secretary not less than *forty days* prior to the Annual Meeting, propose candidates for officer or director positions to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Such petition must be received no later than **March 15, 2014** and must be addressed to Corresponding Secretary Virginia A. LoPreto, New York Women's Bar Association, The Chrysler Building, 132 East 43rd Street, # 716, NYC 10017-4019.

The Annual Meeting and Elections will be held at **Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, PC**, 488 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor, NYC (btw 51st/52nd St). Immediately after the elections, NYWBA will present an Ethics CLE Program (*details to be announced soon*).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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SUSTAINING MEMBERS

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.

Mudita Chawla
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Hon. Phyllis K. Saxe
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 Alexis M. Wolf

FOUNDATION HOSTS SUCCESSFUL BREAKFAST EVENT WITH LAWYER AND NEW AUTHOR HELEN WAN

by Martha E. Gifford

The NYWBA Foundation presented another successful event in its "Breakfast Series" when gathering on September 24, 2013 to discuss attorney Helen Wan's newly published book, *The Partner Track: A Novel*. Ms. Wan is Associate General Counsel at the Time Inc. division of Time Warner Inc. Before that, she practiced corporate law and media law at major New York law firms. Her essays and book reviews have been published in *The Washington Post* and other venues. *The Partner Track* is her first novel. Friends and supporters of the Foundation thoroughly enjoyed Ms. Wan's discussion about the focus of the book and how she came to write it. Ms. Wan captivated attendees when discussing how and why she made the brave leap from lawyer to author.

Practicing attorneys will have no trouble relating to the story told in *The Partner Track*. The book's protagonist, Ingrid Yung, is a Chinese-American woman immersed in the most prestigious transactional work and about to make partner at her elite Manhattan law firm. She has ultimately accomplished the "American Dream" in her immigrant parents' eyes. But an event at the firm's summer outing creates a public relations disaster, and damage control includes management's decision to put Ingrid in charge

of a diversity initiative that takes her away from the deal work that was going to cement her promotion. Ingrid then faces a series of obstacles in her personal and professional life that result in a truly mesmerizing read.

At the breakfast, Ms. Wan read two extended excerpts from the book, one of which – a beautifully written conversation between Ingrid and a younger, less successful Chinese-American female associate who is looking for help – truly make the reader think "that could have been me." She said the characters and events are not real, but she strived to create the effect of realism to illustrate her themes. She also answered questions at length. As at prior Breakfast Series events, a number of young women from Washington Irving High School attended as guests of the Foundation and proceeded to ask enthusiastic, scholarly questions.

The Foundation would like to thank St. Martin's Press for graciously donating copies of the book for sale at the event; The Foundation further thanks the Cornell Club for co-sponsoring the event; Condon & Forsyth and Berke-Weiss & Pechman for sponsoring tables; and Condon & Forsyth for covering transportation and decoration costs at this magnificent breakfast.

Martha E. (Meg) Gifford is a founder and Vice President of the NYWBA Foundation, Inc.; a past President and Committee Chair of WBASNY; and a past President, Director, and Committee Chair of NYWBA. She also serves on the NYWBA Advisory Council. An antitrust attorney who previously served in the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division and headed the antitrust practice of a major firm, she now has solo practice concentrating in antitrust counseling and litigation.



NYWBA Elder Law and Disabilities Committee

presents

“End of Life Care: Wishes Wants and Needs, Hospice and Palliative Care Experience”

NYWBA's Elder Law and Disabilities Committee has retained the distinguished *Victoria Assumma* to speak about the emotional hospice care experience. Ms. Assumma is the Director of Social Work Services in Westchester and Putnam Counties. This program will be sure to provide invaluable information regarding end of life care.

Date: Thursday, Mar. 27, 2014
Time: 6:15 p.m.
Place: Newman Ferrara, LLP
 1250 Broadway, 27th Floor, NYC
Cost: Free for Members*
RSVP: Email Committee Co-Chairs at
ElderLawRSVP@nywba.org.

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NYWBA Matrimonial and Family Law Committee

presents

“Supervised Visitation: Does it Help?”

NYWBA's Matrimonial and Family Law Committee presents a panel discussion on supervised visitation, including therapeutic visitation, with an emphasis on the role of the Court, the supervisors, and the attorneys, particularly the attorney for the child(ren). The panel will be headed by *Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan*, a matrimonial judge sitting in New York County. Other panelists include *Bettina Thomsen*, LMSW, assistant director of Comprehensive Family Services, and *Virginia A. LoPreto, Esq.*

Date: Wednesday, Apr. 2, 2014
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Blank Rome, LLP, The Chrysler Building,
 405 Lexington Ave., NYC (at 42nd St.)
Cost: Free for Members*
RSVP: Email *MFRsvp@nywba.org*. Space is limited so
 advance registration is required.

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NYWBA Solo & Small Firm Practice Committee

presents

“Women and Rainmaking”

Join Co-Chairs *Jocelyn L. Jacobson* and *Elisabeth Ames* as the Committee provides invaluable advice on helpful and practical tips for starting and growing a solo or small practice. Existing and prospective members* are welcome. Don't forget to bring your business cards!

Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2014
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Reitler Kailas & Rosenblatt, LLC
 885 Third Ave., 20th Fl. (btw 53/54th St.) NYC
RSVP: Send an email to *SSFChairs@nywba.org*

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2014 JUDICIAL COCKTAIL RECEPTION A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

by Magnolia D. Levy

On February 4, 2014, NYWBA held its annual cocktail reception honoring newly elected, newly re-elected, and newly appointed judges in New York County. The event, at the Yale Club, was a terrific success, with nearly 100 members, guests, and honorees in attendance.

Vice President and event Co-Chair **Jennifer P. Brown** welcomed attendees and thanked the generous sponsors who were invaluable to the success of the evening. Vice President **Yacine Barry-Wun** recognized and congratulated the honorees, each of whom was invited to the podium amidst resounding applause.

Throughout the evening, guests mingled and networked over hors d'oeuvres and wine and had the opportunity to congratulate the many judicial honorees in attendance (see photos below).

NYWBA thanks Reception Co-Chairs Jennifer P. Brown and Magnolia D. Levy, Executive Director Karen Lu, President Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann, Past President Elizabeth A. Bryson, Treasurer Deborah G. Rosenthal, the Yale Club staff, and all members who worked to make this a tremendous affair!

Magnolia D. Levy is a partner in the Matrimonial Department at McLaughlin & Stern, LLP and is a NYWBA member.



Report From New York Women Bar Association's Foundation Fellows at the Feerick Center for Social Justice

by *Chrissie Cahill and Jennifer Puchalski*

As New York Women Bar Association Foundation's Fellows at the Feerick Center for Social Justice, our work focused on the New York Unaccompanied Immigrant Children Project (NYUICP). As described below, through this project we have gained valuable experience in project planning and implementation, legal and policy research, development of surveys and fact-finding, and report writing.

NYUICP is organized into four working groups: Fact Finding and Research; Family Court; Pro Bono and Access to Justice; and Model State Statutes. As Fellows, we have worked closely with Olga Byrne, the Project Director, as well as with the chairs and other members of each of the working groups. We were involved in NYUICP's planning activities, beginning last fall, but especially this semester.

Engaging in the various planning activities helped us to understand the challenge of coordinating with many stakeholders and balancing different perspectives on a complex area of law and policy. Outlined below are some highlights of our work this semester.

• **Feerick Center Advisory Board Meeting.** On April 17th, we presented to the Center's Advisory Board on the NYUICP and had an opportunity to practice public speaking.

• **April 5th Stakeholder Gathering.** On April 5th, we helped convene stakeholders involved in NYUICP. We helped develop the agenda and written materials and coordinate with Working Group chairs. Most importantly, we presented on a major initiative of NYUICP, the Family Court Survey, described further below.

• **Legal Research.** One of our assignments on NYUICP was to help summarize the legal framework affecting unaccompanied immigrant children and their access to justice, public benefits, healthcare, education, employment rights, and immigration status. Specifically, we researched federal, New York State, and New York City statutes; administrative regulations; ordinances; and, policies that may affect or grant rights to these children. We invested a substantial amount of time and effort into this research, knowing that no one had compiled relevant research yet and that our end-product would be NYUICP's first comprehensive findings on the legal issues - particularly at the state and local level - relating to unaccompanied immigrant children. Conducting this research was a great opportunity to learn how so many different systems and areas of laws intersect and have the potential to affect the education and employment of young people.

• **Fact Finding – The Family Court Survey.** A major aspect of our work at NYUICP involved gathering information from experienced practitioners directly through surveys and interviews. Specifically, we needed to learn more about ways to improve the access of abused, neglected, and abandoned immigrant children to New York State Family Courts who are eligible to pursue Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS). After speaking with stakeholders and practitioners familiar with the complicated and often frustrating practices of Family Courts, we sought to identify the particular administrative challenges faced by unaccompanied immigrant children, their families, and their legal counsel when going to Family Court to seek a "special findings order"—a prerequisite to applying for SIJS.

• In consultation with the Family Court Working Group chairs, we developed a survey aimed at identifying and describing these administrative challenges. We conducted more than twenty phone surveys. In developing and conducting the surveys, we learned much more about special immigrant juvenile law and the challenges faced by these children than we could have

through research alone. We also helped synthesize the survey results, which contributed to a report completed in the fall 2013.

• **Fact Finding – Model Statutes.** Another aim of NYUICP is to develop a model state statute that addresses unaccompanied immigrant children's substantive, procedural, and systemic barriers to accessing state courts and that promotes uniformity in state proceedings concerning unaccompanied children. This is the one facet of NYUICP that does not focus on local and state practice and policy but is national in scope. To accomplish this goal, we participated in group discussions, helped develop a survey, and then carried out survey interviews.

• **Development of Grant Proposal – Work with the Fact Finding and Research Working Group.** The aim of this working group is to improve systematic fact finding and research on issues related to unaccompanied immigrant children, since much of the information currently available is either anecdotal, focused on federal policy, or found only in the social science literature. We participated in early meetings of the working group to develop a proposed needs assessment and systems mapping effort.

The Fellowship has been a meaningful experience for both of us. It provided an opportunity to work on a variety of public interest initiatives. Through NYUICP, we learned a great deal about unaccompanied, immigrant children, a small, but notable population. Not only has the Fellowship been a source of professional development for us, it has also taught us that the work of a few dedicated individuals can help improve policy and practice affecting a particularly vulnerable group of children.

Chrissie Cahill, who graduated Fordham University School of Law in 2013, is a new NYWBA member. She is currently a Dean's Fellow at the Stein Center for Law and Ethics at Fordham University School of Law. Jennifer Puchalski is a 3L at Fordham University School of Law, and she served as a summer associate at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP last summer.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO THE NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION!

On March 16, 2014, NYWBA will celebrate its 80th birthday! In the mid-1930's, women attorneys were forbidden from joining New York bar associations. When women attorneys who had been admitted to the bar asked the leading bar association for a reason why they could not become members, they were given the odd answer that, "There are no women's restrooms." (Testimony of NYWBA Past President Hon. Hilda G. Schwartz.)

In response, six women attorneys, including Rose Lehman Stein, Hilda G. Schwartz and Florence Perlow Shientag (all of whom were eventual Presidents of the Association, and two of whom later became judges), formed the NYWBA on March 16, 1934. In 1935, NYWBA secured its official NYS documentation as a "full service bar association," with eleven women attorneys signing the NYWBA Certificate of Incorporation.

The Association's roots trace back to that small group of individuals in 1934 dedicated to making a place for women in the legal arena. We are forever grateful for these driven women, who paved the way for NYWBA to become all that it is today!

In 2014-2015, NYWBA will officially celebrate our 80th Anniversary Year. Won't you join us?

NYWBA Students & New Lawyers Committee Meeting

featuring

Leona Beane, Esq.

At this meeting, Leona Beane, Esq. will lead an interactive discussion about various practices areas. With over 30 years of experience, Ms. Beane primarily deals with Trusts and Estates issues, Article 81 Guardianships, and Alternative Dispute Resolution including Mediation and Arbitration. She is on NYWBA's Board of Directors, is Co-Chair of the Trust and Estate Committee, and Chair of the ADR Committee.

Date: Thursday, Mar. 13, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m. (Due to building security restrictions, attendees will not be admitted after 6:30 p.m.)

Place: Blank Rome, LLP, The Chrysler Building
405 Lexington Ave., NYC (at 42nd St.)

Cost: Free for Members*

RSVP: Email SNLChairs@nywba.org before Mar. 12, 2014 at 5 p.m.

The Committee thanks Blank Rome for hosting!

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NYWBA Trusts & Estates Committee

presents

“Lunch with New York Surrogate Judge”

Honorable Nora Anderson

Surrogate, County of New York

Join us for an informal “brown bag” lunch featuring **Surrogate Honorable Nora Anderson**. Attendees will learn all about Surrogate’s Court and have the unique opportunity to obtain guidance on estate and adoption matters, pick up tips on court appearances, and more! (Discussion of pending cases at this event is prohibited.)

Date: Wednesday, Mar. 19, 2014

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. (Please arrive by 12:50 p.m.; event will begin promptly.)

Place: N.Y. Surrogates Court, 31 Chambers St.,
Room 510, NYC (corner of Centre St.)

Cost: Free but preference will be given to NYWBA members in good standing.*

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CLE Program presented by NYWBA
Matrimonial and Family Law Committee

**“Basic Tax Issues for the
Matrimonial Lawyer - Part 2”**

featuring speakers

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*Partner, Forensic Litigation and
Valuation Services, ParenteBeard, LLC*

Stacy Statkus

*Senior Manager, Forensic Litigation and
Valuation Services, ParenteBeard, LLC*

Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann

*Counsel, Blank Rome LLP
(Former Justice of the New York Supreme Court and
Administrative Judge for Matrimonial Matters for New York State)*

Heidi Tallentire, Esq.

Associate, Blank Rome, LLP

This is a continuation of our must-have primer for matrimonial lawyers! At this second CLE, distinguished panelists will provide additional insights on tax law, income issues, analysis of cash flow, and enhanced earnings calculations. Panelists will provide invaluable tips on how to analyze these issues and utilize them in representing clients and handling applications for child and spousal support.

- Date:** Wednesday, March 5, 2014
- Time:** 6:00 p.m. (no one will be admitted after 6:30 p.m.)
- Place:** Blank Rome, LLP, The Chrysler Building
405 Lexington Ave., NYC (at 42nd St.)
- CLE:** 2.0 CLE Credits* (1.5 Skills; 0.5 Prof. Practice)
- Cost:** Free – NYWBA/WBASNY Chapter Members**
\$50 – Non-members***
- RSVP:** SOLD OUT
- Info:** Email MFrsvp@nywba.org for info about future programs.

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**Expanding My Legal Skills: A
Foundation Fellow's Update**

by Laura Ferro

This past fall I had the invaluable opportunity to serve as New York Women Bar Association Foundation's Fellow at an organization known as *Her Justice* (formerly inMotion). Her Justice provides free legal services for women in the areas of family, divorce, and immigration law. While at Her Justice, I gained practical legal skills and contributed to an admirable mission.

At Her Justice, I performed a variety of tasks. My favorites included performing intake interviews and working on divorce cases. Through intake interviews, I had the opportunity to speak with individual clients directly about their specific situations and inquire into the legal advice they were seeking. Upon completing the interview, I either assigned the individual to a specific Her Justice attorney or referred the individual to another organization that might be of greater assistance based on the legal issues involved. I took satisfaction in knowing, however small my role, I helped these individuals navigate a complex legal system. This experience also greatly expanded my client interview skills and provided me with insight into the law's substantial impact on individuals.

Through my work on divorce cases, I learned a great deal about both legal writing and client interaction. Under the supervision of staff attorneys, I witnessed and partook in all stages of a divorce case, from interviewing clients to drafting final divorce documents to managing case flow. These cases provided me with valuable insight into the day-to-day life of a practicing attorney, something that often eludes law school students confined to reading textbooks in a classroom. These divorce cases helped me realize the true need for attorneys to provide guidance to less affluent clients who have no knowledge of the legal system and are brave enough to seek a divorce from an abusive partner.

Ultimately, this hands-on experience perfectly complemented my classroom legal education. Her Justice provided me with a practical illustration of the legal system, in general, and family and divorce law specifically. I cannot thank New York Women Bar Association Foundation enough for affording me with such a meaningful opportunity.

Laura Ferro is a 2L at New York University School of Law.

NYWBA Solo & Small Firm Practice Committee

presents

**“How to Effectively and Ethically Use
Social Media to Grow Your Practice”**

Join Co-Chairs *Jocelyn L. Jacobson* and *Elisabeth Ames* as the Committee provides advice on helpful and practical tips for starting and growing a solo or small practice Existing and prospective members* are welcome. Don't forget to bring your business cards!

- Date:** Thursday, Mar. 27, 2014
- Time:** 6:00 p.m.
- Place:** Reitler Kailas & Rosenblatt
885 Third Ave., 20th Fl.,
(btw 53/54th St.), NYC
- Cost:** Free for Members*
- RSVP:** Email SSFChairs@nywba.org.

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Getting Down to Retirement Business When You're Self Employed

by Michael Salmon

If you call yourself a consultant, a freelancer, or an independent contractor, you're one of the growing numbers of Americans without an employer-sponsored retirement savings plan. As a solo entity, you're left without the luxury of the "employer match," which many use to help grow their retirement nest eggs. Meanwhile, the full retirement age for Social Security eligibility has been pushed out, making it more important than ever for self-employed individuals to put retirement planning strategies in place. Here are three tips to help you prepare financially for your retirement years.

Max out your retirement savings

As a self-employed worker, have you established a SEP IRA or Solo 401(k)? These retirement savings plans are not mutually exclusive, and you can contribute the maximum (as much as 25 percent of your adjusted gross income) to both plans to accelerate your savings in any given year. But, you don't need to stop there. If you're looking for more ways to save, consider a Roth IRA as a vehicle for accruing supplemental retirement savings.

With the Roth, your contributions are not tax deductible in the year in which you make them. Down the road, however, your withdrawals in retirement will be tax-free if you have met all the qualifications. Because the tax rates of the future are not entirely predictable, this is a plus. Since you can withdraw direct contributions from the Roth at any time, you needn't worry about not being able to access the money for emergencies. Earnings in your Roth account can also be withdrawn tax- or penalty-free once you reach age 59 ½ (sooner if your eligibility changes due to disability) and have had the Roth for five years or more. For 2014, you can

contribute up to \$5,500 to your Roth IRA (if your income falls within certain income limits). If you are 50 or older, this maximum goes up to \$6,500.

The more you have working for your future security, and the more predictable your retirement income can be, the better. Consult your financial advisor and visit IRS.gov for more complete rules on retirement savings plans.

Budget for healthcare costs

Nearly all of us will eventually need costly medical care at one time or another, and that possibility rises in retirement. Evaluate income streams such as annuity or interest income that may help you defray eventual medical expenses. If you're within five years of leaving the workforce, it's a good idea to anticipate what your healthcare needs may be and how you will pay for those expenses.

It's important to know that regardless of your work status, you must sign up for Medicare by age 65 to avoid potentially delaying your coverage and paying higher premiums. Visit Medicare.gov to familiarize yourself with premium and deductible costs for hospital, general medical, and prescription coverage offered by the government. Talk to your insurance broker to explore supplemental plans that can help you manage deductibles and pay for services not allowed by Medicare. By all means, do what you can to maintain your health, but don't ignore the likelihood that you'll need costly medical care at some point in retirement.

Keep working if you're able

The amount of your monthly Social Security check is determined by your retirement date and how much you earned annually over your working life. This means

delaying your retirement will result in a bigger monthly Social Security check. If you're in good health and enjoy working, there's no hard and fast rule that says you have to remove yourself from the workforce.

These retirement planning tips are especially important for self-employed individuals, but they also have value for workers of every variety. As more employers retreat from the business of providing extensive retiree benefits, everyone in the workforce needs to be mindful of how they will manage the bills in retirement. At the end of the day, you're the boss of your own retirement. Make your retirement finances a priority by working with a financial professional who can help you establish a solid retirement plan.



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NOTES ON MEMBERS

NYWBA mourns the passing of Past President **Hon. Freda Silbowitz Hertz**, who passed away in December 2013. (See article, on page 11.)

NYWBA and WBASNY extend their heartfelt sympathies to **Hon. Marilyn Hoffman O'Connor** (long-time WBASNY member, current Co-Chair of the WBASNY Nominations Committee, and Past President of the Rochester Chapter) and to her family upon the loss of her son, actor **Philip Seymour Hoffman**. Condolence cards may be sent c/o WBASNY, Post Office Box 936, New York, NY 10024.

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

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Past President: Elizabeth Grayer proudly served as the organization's president for three years, ending her tenure on December 31, 2013.

How to Apply: If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your resume to Janice Ellig of Chadick Ellig at Ellig@chadickellig.com

**Lunch with a Judge --
Honorable Arlene Bluth**

by Kathy M. Lynch and Francesca A. Sabbatino

On January 23, 2014, New York County Acting Supreme Court **Justice Arlene Bluth** hosted NYWBA Litigation Committee's **Lunch with a Judge Series**. Justice Bluth, a Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law alumna, was first elected to the Civil Court of the City of New York in 2005. In January 2013, she was appointed as an acting Supreme Court Justice. She currently presides in Part 22, the motor vehicle part.

Justice Bluth shared with us her personal journey from private practice to the bench. After confronting and overcoming a health scare, Justice Bluth began to think about what she liked best about the practice of law. Upon reflection, Justice Bluth concluded she most enjoyed serving as a voice for clients. Thus, Justice Bluth strove to obtain a position in the judiciary, which would provide a forum for her to hear all sides of a story and further issue legally sound, just decisions.

Justice Bluth graciously entertained questions from event participants and disclosed some of her "Do's and Don'ts." Justice Bluth expressed that her biggest pet peeve was dealing with attorneys who are unprepared and ultimately waste the court's time. Part 22 has one of the largest caseloads in New York County, resolving 1,240 motions in 2013 alone, and, as such, time is precious. Justice Bluth commented that she genuinely appreciates attorneys who get to the crux of the issue, do not focus on tangential matters that should be conceded, and succinctly articulate grounds for the relief requested. Justice Bluth counseled attorneys to "be honest," if they do not know the answer to a question, simply say so. She recommended that all attorneys who appear before her have a thorough knowledge of the entire case, not merely the discrete matter on which they are appearing. This allows the Court to engage counsel in substantive, "big picture" discussions to facilitate resolution. Justice Bluth looks forward to initiating "block buster" settlement days in her part, and invited practitioners to notify her Part if they wish to participate.

Participants thoroughly enjoyed the all-too-short hour spent with Justice Bluth and her Principal Court Attorney **Debra Lewis**. The Litigation Committee thanks them for their warm, gracious hospitality.

Kathy M. Lynch is a Co-Chair of NYWBA's Litigation Committee and maintains her own practice focusing on general litigation. Francesca A. Sabbatino is a Co-Chair of NYWBA's Litigation Committee and is a founding partner of Rush & Sabbatino, PLLC, a wholly woman-owned firm focusing on the defense of high exposure personal injury claims.

SAVE THE DATE!

April 8, 2013

Join NYWBA's **International Law and Practice Committee** for a CLE addressing immigration and international human rights.

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Place: Sullivan & Cromwell LLC
125 Broad St., NYC

RSVP: Email IntlChairs@nywba.org between March 15th and March 31st.

*Mark Your Calendars! This program is being organized now.
For details, visit the NYWBA calendar online.*

**NYWBA Trusts & Estates Committee
is proud to co-sponsor a CLE Program
Attorneys Beware: Estate Planning
After Schneider**

featuring

**Erin Gilmore Smith, Esq.
Fiduciary Trust Company**

Join us at this dynamic and exciting program to discuss the impact of *Schneider v. Finman* on estate planning practitioners. The course will address the evolution of the privity requirement and the unanswered questions raised by this landmark case. Attendees will learn valuable information about various theories and bases of liability in the estate planning area.

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2014

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: Fiduciary Trust Company, 600 Fifth Ave., NYC
(btw 48/49th St.)

CLE: 1.0 Credits (Prof. Practice)*

Cost: Free - Members**
\$50 - Non-members***

RSVP: Email TEChairs@nywba.org for more info and to RSVP.

*CLE: Fiduciary Trust Company will be offering this CLE, not the New York Women's Bar Association.

**Membership: NYWBA Members can attend this CLE program for free. If you are not a member, go to www.nywba.org/Membership to join or renew using our secure online membership form.

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**Thursday, April 24, 2014
NYCLA Foundation Fundraiser -
Musical Tribute to
Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin**

New York County Lawyers' Assn. Foundation is hosting its First Annual Spring Fundraiser: **A Musical Tribute to Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin**. (Justice Ellerin is a NYWBA Past President.)

Date: Thursday, April 24, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m. Reception
7:00 p.m. Program

Place: New York County Lawyers' Association
14 Vesey St., NYC

Cost: \$75 - Regular Ticket
\$150 - Premium Ticket, includes special seating & listing in the program.

RSVP: To purchase tickets, email Martha Cohen Stine at mstine@crsslaw.com for more information.

**Farewell to a Friend – Past President
Hon. Freda Silbowitz (Hertz) (1915-2013)**

by Elizabeth A. Bryson



NYWBA mourns the passing of Hon. Freda Silbowitz, who was involved in the NYWBA in many capacities for decades and served as President in 1963-64. She was 98 and was predeceased by her beloved husband, Murray Hertz.

Born in 1915, she pumped gas at her father's service station in the Bronx when she was a girl. After graduating from Hunter College in 1935 (Phi Beta Kappa), she went to Columbia Law School, at a time when few women became attorneys. (There were only 16 women in her graduating class.) She was admitted to the New York bar in 1938. After many years in private practice, she was appointed a Judge of the Family Court.

I got to know Judge Silbowitz in the early 2000's. As part of our planning for the NYWBA's 70th Anniversary in 2003-04, a committee was formed to reach out to past Presidents like Freda. As she provided stories about the NYWBA and info about how to reach past presidents from the mid-1940's through the early 1970's, I came to adore her. She was smart, funny and a real kick – our kind of gal!

Among other accomplishments during her NYWBA tenure, she chaired a distinguished United Nations Reception for members of the British Bar who traveled to the U.S. to exchange knowledge and insights about our respective legal systems. By the time I met her, she was a "snow bird," splitting each year between homes in Halladale, Florida and New York City, and practicing law in both locations. She passed away in Florida on December 11, 2013, and she will be missed.

An In-depth Look Into the Surrogate Court

by Leona Beane

On October 23, 2013 the NYWBA's Trusts & Estates Committee together with the Puerto Rican Bar Association successfully presented the CLE Program, "Practicing in the New York County Surrogate's Court and Tour of the Court". The program was filled to capacity with approximately 60 people registered and in a full Courtroom.

Much of the program's success was due to the expert speakers. The speakers included the following:

- Honorable Rita Mella**, Surrogate, New York County
- Diana Sanabria, Esq.**, Chief Clerk
- Dorothy Henderson, Esq.**, Chief Court Attorney, Law Department
- Timothy J. Ameres, Esq.**, Chief Probate Clerk
- Gunwanti Singh, Esq.**, Chief Accounting Clerk
- Larry Wolfson**, Chief Administration Clerk
- Sandra DelValle**, Chief Miscellaneous Clerk

Surrogate Hon. Rita Mella welcomed the audience. The first speaker was Chief Clerk, Diana Sanabria, who provided an overview of the Surrogate Court, including the number and types of cases the court hears. The department heads of the Court then provided a complete overview of their departments, the type of proceedings they hear and what they look for when reviewing papers filed. The program provided practical information for both novices as well as experienced trusts and estates attorneys. The tips were wonderful, such as a reminder of the difference between a 'verification' and 'acknowledgment', which was explained by the Chief Miscellaneous Clerk. This is an important point that attorneys sometimes forget in preparing papers for filing.

With the program, program materials were emailed to the registrants, including approximately 170 pages of various Court forms and information about the Surrogate Court. These materials included virtually all the basic forms needed in commencing proceedings in the Surrogate Court, such as Probate, the Probate Petition, the Waiver and Consent, the Citation and Proposed Decree. A similar set of materials was provided of sample forms for Administration proceedings and for Accounting proceedings.

The program provided 2.5 CLE Credits. Members of the NYWBA and the Puerto Rican Bar Association attended the CLE free of charge. Non-members were able to attend this CLE for only \$50. Following the event several non-members decided to join the NYWBA and were able to credit the \$50 fee towards their annual membership.

The evaluation forms had great evaluations and reviews, and many specifically thanked the NYWBA for providing such a valuable program; a few registrants indicated we should do a program like this every year. One person in particular stated the following: "NYWBA provides such an immense service benefit by providing these CLE's to NYWBA members free of charge".

At the end, the Chief Clerk provided a tour of the Courthouse, including the Record Room, provided a demonstration of how records and files are maintained and retrieved.

It was a very successful program, and all of the registrants were happy that the program was offered and that they attended. The Trusts & Estates Committee will continue to provide additional programs throughout the year.

Leona Beane, Esq. concentrates her practice in the areas of trusts and estates, guardianships, and alternative dispute resolution, including mediation and arbitration. She is also a member of the NYWBA Board of Directors, Co-Chair of the Trusts and Estates Committee, and Chair of the Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee.

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At this event, attendees will hear about what in-house counsel seek in outside counsel. Panelists will debate the long-term viability of the billable hour, budgeting, and alternative fees. Attendees will learn about the internal pressures on in-house lawyers around staffing, use of diversity as criteria, daily challenges facing in-house lawyers, and how better to forge a partnership of trust and mutual success.

- Date:** Tuesday, Mar. 11, 2014
- Time:** 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (lunch provided)
- Place:** Wilkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
787 Seventh Ave. (btw 51/52 St.), NYC (34th floor)
- Cost:** Free - First time Law & Reorder attendees
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- RSVP:** For more information and to register, visit <http://lawandreorder.com/ny.asp>

NYWBA Litigation Committee

presents

**“A View from the Bench:
Effective Writing for Motion
& Appellate Practice”**

featuring

Honorable Lisa A. Sokoloff
Civil Court of the City of New York

Honorable Melissa A. Crane
Civil Court of the City of New York

These distinguished jurists will discuss legal writing from the judicial perspective and provide invaluable insight on how to polish your written submissions and maximize your persuasive skills. Bring your questions!

- Date:** Tuesday, April 1, 2014
- Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Place:** TBA
- Cost:** Free: NYWBA/WBASNY Members
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- RSVP:** To RSVP, please email your name and contact info to litigationchairs@nywba.org

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- Date:** Mar. 19-20, 2014
- Location:** Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel,
999 Ninth St. NW, Washington, D.C.
- Cost:** Special Group Rate: \$259/night (plus tax)*
- RSVP:** For more information and to RSVP, visit
<http://www.nawl.org/p/cm/ld/fid=114>

*This rate will be limited to NAWL event registrants on a first-come, first-served basis for 3 days before and after the event, based on availability. Reservations can be made directly with the Marriott at 1-800-468-3571 or 202-898-9000.

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Join Fordham for its 18th Annual Forum on Domestic Violence. This two-day conference will feature keynote speaker **Professor Sarah Buel**, clinical professor of law at Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University. The conference will address post separation legal issues such as enforcing family and matrimonial judgments; economic abuses ranging from mortgage foreclosures to tax issues to identity theft; and matters pertaining to custody, visitation, and orders of protection. The conference will further address institutional legal issues such as assisting survivors of domestic violence involved with law enforcement, religious, education, and military institutions; working with quasi-legal processes; and finding institutional resources to keep clients safe.

- Date:** Monday/Tuesday, Mar. 3/4, 2014
- Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Place:** Fordham University, 113 W. 60th St., 12th Fl., NYC
(btw Amsterdam / Columbus Aves.)
- CLE:** 12.0 CLE Credits* (for newly admitted and experienced attorneys)
- Cost:** \$165 for both days; \$110 for one day
- RSVP:** For more information, email Dora Galacatos
at galacatos@fordham.edu

*Fordham Law School is an accredited CLE provider. Fordham Law School's financial aid policy for accredited CLE programs is applicable to this conference. (Note: This program is presented by Fordham so NYWBA's free CLE initiative does not apply.)

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NYWBA Matrimonial and Family Law Committee

presents

“What to do about the Post-Judgment Blues”

Please join us for a riveting discussion of the all too common post-judgment issues that plague our clients and us after settlement. The Hon. Matthew F. Cooper and Hon. Lori S. Sattler have geared up for this meeting, twice before in fact, but you will not be disappointed. Issues concerning relocation, support modifications and changes in custody are the mainstays of the post-judgment part and suggestions as to how to draft language to avoid such applications together with tips on what your papers should include will be addressed. (No discussion of pending cases.)

- Date:** Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at 6:00 pm
(Attendees will not be admitted after 6:30 p.m.)
- Place:** Blank Rome, LLP, The Chrysler Building,
405 Lexington Ave., NYC (at 42nd St.)
- Cost:** Free for Members*
- RSVP:** This event is currently closed, but email
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