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NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

Thursday, September 18, 2014 – 6:00 to 7:45 p.m.
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

The NYWBA Annual Membership Reception is a *complimentary cocktail* reception for all members and prospective members. Meet the NYWBA Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs, join colleagues and friends, network, and discover the benefits of NYWBA membership. For details, see the notice on page 3.

NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION *invites you to our*

2014 AWARD AND INSTALLATION DINNER

The **Hon. Florence E. Allen Award** will be presented to
ROBERTA A. KAPLAN, ESQ.

for her landmark work representing the rights of same-sex couples to obtain marriage equality before the United States Supreme Court in United States v. Windsor and before other federal and state courts.

We will also install the incoming
Officers & Directors, including
YACINE BARRY-WUN
as President of our Association

When: Tuesday, September 30, 2014

6:00 p.m. – Cocktails & Dim Sum
7:30 p.m. – Dinner and Program

Where: The Golden Unicorn, 18 East Broadway, NYC

Cost: \$85 (in advance, open seating)

\$95 (at the door, open seating)

\$1,000 – Premium Reserved Tables of Ten
(priority seating)

Journal: Place ads and tributes to our honorees, officers & directors, or others in our commemorative Journal. See RSVP for sizes and prices; send ads to Journal@nywba.org.

RSVP: To make event reservations and/or pay for tributes & ads in the Journal, go to www.nywba.org/Annual_Dinner2014/. Space is limited, so register as soon as possible.

Info: Email DinnerChairs@nywba.org for questions or information.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 2014

Celebrating Our 80th Anniversary in 2014-2015!



Yacine Barry-Wun

Now that autumn is here we have exciting news across many fronts. But first, what a productive summer!

On July 15, our 19th Annual **Summer Program** featured our popular event on **What It's REALLY Like to Practice Law as a Woman**. A diverse and impressive panel of extraordinary women attorneys shared their experiences and discussed issues that significantly affect women lawyers – especially those just entering the profession (see article and photos in next month's Newsletter for details).

Our 2014-2015 Committees are very active, and we had an excellent Committee Chairs Orientation Meeting on August 7, where we discussed committee governance issues, plans for upcoming CLE programs and a host of other events that are in the pipeline.

Turning to September, I invite you to join us in welcoming our new and prospective members at our annual **Membership Reception** on **September 18**, which will be held at Skadden, Arps, Meagher & Flom LLP (see notice on page 3 for full details).

2014-2015 marks a special milestone for us – **it's NYWBA's 80th anniversary year!** We will kick off this anniversary with our **2014 Installation and Award Dinner** on **September 30** at the Golden Unicorn Restaurant (see p. 1 for details and the NYWBA website to RSVP). I hope to see all of you there as we install our 2014-2015 Officers, including Vice Presidents **Jennifer P. Brown, Julie Hyman, and Amy B. Goldsmith**; Treasurer **Deborah G. Rosenthal**; Recording Secretary **Virginia A. LoPreto**; Corresponding Secretary **Myra L. Freed**; and myself as NYWBA President; as well as our incoming Directors on the NYWBA Board. (Continued on Page 2)

Announcements & Calendar of Upcoming Events (See also "Committee News" on p. 2)

- 9/3 – NYWBA Foundation Breakfast with *Ida O. Abbott, Esq.* – p. 2
 - 9/9 - Civil Courts Comm. Meeting - p. 2
 - 9/18 – Annual Membership Reception – p. 3
 - 9/23 - Solo & Small Firm Comm. - Networking Program - p. 2
 - 9/24 - Ethics Comm. Meeting - p. 2
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 - 10/1 - Mat & Family Law Comm. Program - p. 2
 - 10/7 - Reproductive Rights Comm. Mtg - p. 2
 - 10/8 – Civil Courts Comm. – "Facebook – Get the Picture" – p. 2
- Check www.nywba.org for more Meetings, Programs & Events.

COMMITTEE NEWS

- The **Civil Courts Committee** will hold monthly meetings on **Sept. 9, Oct. 8, Nov. 13, & Dec. 10** from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Civil Court, 111 Centre Street, 12th fl. Boardroom (use White Street entrance). The meeting is open for all. RSVP to CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org.
- The **Diversity Committee** – If you would like to join the Committee, send an email to DiversityChairs@nywba.org, with a copy to ED@nywba.org.
- The **Matrimonial and Family Law Committee** will meet the third Wednesday of every month, starting on **Oct. 1**, with exciting programs and events, including several CLE programs. If you are interested in the Committee or have ideas for programs, email MFrsvp@nywba.org.
- The **Prof. Ethics & Discipline Committee** will meet **Sept. 24, Oct. 15, Nov. 12 & Dec. 17** at 6 p.m. at Frankfurt Kurnit, 488 Madison Ave., 10th floor. RSVP to EthicsChairs@nywba.org.
- The **Reproductive Rights & Women's Health Committee** will meet on **Oct. 7 & Nov. 4** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Rottenstreich & Ettinger located at 222 East 41st St., 22nd fl., NYC. Email ReproductiveRights@nywba.org to RSVP. You must RSVP ahead of time so your name is on building security list.
- The **Solo & Small Firm Practice Committee** will an event on **Networking** on **Sept. 23**, beginning at 8:30 AM at Reitler Kailas & Rosenblatt, 885 Third Ave., 20th fl. RSVPs are required for building security. RSVP to SSFChairs@nywba.org.

President's Message (Continued from Page 1)

Our honoree on September 30 will be **Roberta A. Kaplan, Esq.**, who will be presented with our most prestigious award, the **Hon. Florence E. Allen Award**, for her landmark work representing the rights of same-sex couples to marriage equality before the United States Supreme Court in *United States v. Windsor* and before other federal and state courts.

We admire women like Roberta Kaplan, and we count on the continuing commitment, dedication and support of all our members to advance women in society and the legal profession through our participation in the legislative and judicial process, and giving them a voice at the state, federal and international level.

There are many reasons to be proud to be a part of the NYWBA, including the fact that we are the largest member of 18 chapters affiliated with the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York ("WBASNY"). WBASNY, our state-wide organization, now counts more than 4,000 members, which makes us part of the second largest bar association in New York State (after the New York State Bar Association and ahead of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association). We also congratulate our NYWBA member and past officer **Amy Saltzman** for her recent installation as a Vice President of WBASNY!

As the NYWBA begins to celebrate this anniversary year, we have a big mission ahead of us, and we look forward to collaborating with all our members in furthering our goals to assist in the legal education and professional development and advancement of women, mentoring the next generation, and ensuring the fair and equal administration of justice.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our two September kick-off events!

Yacine

The New York Women's Bar Association Foundation, Inc.

Invites you for breakfast with

Ida O. Abbott, Esq.

Consultant in the fields of mentoring, leadership and professional development and author of the newly released

Sponsoring Women What Men Need to Know

The Cornell Club-New York
6 East 44th Street (btw 5th and Madison)

September 3, 2014

8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

(Space is Limited)

\$80 per person (\$85 at the door)*

Purchase Tickets Online at Brown Paper Tickets
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/777406>
Contact Karen Mitchell at kmm32@Cornell.edu
for further information.

*The NYWBA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity.

The fair market value of the goods and services received is \$34 per person. Your payment in excess of that amount is tax deductible as a charitable donation to the fullest extent allowed by law.

NYWBA Civil Courts Committee

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"Facebook – Get the Picture"

NYWBA's Civil Courts Committee will continue its "Civil Court Express Lunch Series" with our October event featuring **Steven R. Dyki** speaking on the investigation, discovery and admissibility of Internet evidence, including postings on social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and other sites.

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Place: New York County Civil Courthouse
111 Centre Street; 12th Floor Boardroom
(Attendees must enter via White Street)

RSVP: Email CivilCourtChairs@nywba.org
Advance Registration is Required.

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

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Meet NYWBA Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs, members and prospective members at this *complimentary cocktail reception*. Join colleagues and friends, network, and discover the benefits of NYWBA membership, including:

- Free CLEs for NYWBA members
- Committees to enhance your knowledge of substantive law and address important legal and social issues
- Critical legislative and legal efforts to promote the fair and equal administration of justice and help fight for the rights of women and equality for all persons
- NYWBA's highly-praised "Mentoring Circles" program
- Fun social and networking events and other benefits

Attendees who join the NYWBA at (or in advance of) the Membership Reception as new members will receive a welcome gift (limited supply; first come, first serve).

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2014
Time: 6:00 to 7:45 p.m.
Place: Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
 4 Times Square, NYC (42nd btwn. Bwy & Sixth)
Cost: Complimentary
RSVP: <http://www.nywba.org/MemberReception/>
 by **September 15, 2014** so we can prepare name tags and notify building security.

NYWBA membership is open to attorneys, judges, law students and law school graduates awaiting admission. If you are not yet a member for the current year, it's easy to join or renew at www.nywba.org/membership.

**It's time to RENEW your
 membership for 2014-2015!**

The NYWBA fiscal year is June 1 to May 31, which means that the 2014-2015 membership year started on **June 1st**. To renew, go to www.nywba.org/membership or contact our Executive Director (ED@nywba.org or 212-490-8202) to have a renewal form sent to you.

NYWBA wishes to acknowledge the generous gift from
**FOUNDER AND PAST PRESIDENT
 HON. FLORENCE PERLOW SHIENTAG (1908-2009)**

Her financial bequest has helped to underwrite the cost of this Newsletter and many of our CLE programs.

NOTES ON MEMBERS

NYWBA expresses heartfelt condolences to several members who lost loved ones since the last Newsletter was published:

- **Blanche Gische**, mother of **Hon. Judith Gische**, Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department and NYWBA Director, passed away in May. Condolences may be sent to Justice Gische at NYS Supreme Ct., Appellate Div., First Dept., 27 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010, and charitable donations may be made to the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens (morikami.org).
- **Leon Sokoloff**, father of NYWBA Past President **Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff**, passed away in August. Condolences may be sent to Judge Sokoloff at New York Criminal Court, 100 Centre Street, Rm 418, NYC 10013, and charitable contributions may be sent to JALBCA (www.jalbca.org) or the American Heart Association (www.heart.org).
- **Virginia LoPreto**, mother of **Virginia A. LoPreto**, Recording Secretary and Co-Chair of the Matrimonial & Family Law Committee, passed away in July. Condolences may be sent to Law Office of Virginia A. LoPreto, Esq., 565 Fifth Avenue, 9th Fl., New York, NY 10017, and donations may be made to the Visiting Nurse Assoc. Health and Hospice, 176 Riverside Ave. Red Bank, NJ 07701.
- **Agnes Villacci**, mother of WBASNY President and Nassau Women's Bar Association Past President **Irene V. Villacci**, passed away in July. Condolences may be sent to Irene V. Villacci, Attorney-at-Law, PLLC, 74 North Village Avenue, Rockville Center, NY 11570; donations may be sent to St. Jude's Children's Hospital (stjude.org) or St. Raymond's Parish on Long Island (straymondparish.org).

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.

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Current members should send updated address and contact information to ED@nywba.org. This will help us keep you informed about our programs, events, and other benefits of membership.

Newsletter and Advertising Information

Submissions must be sent to the Newsletter Committee (Chairs Kelly Schneid, Alexandra Campbell & Jessica Cygler), by the 10th of the month for publication in the following month's Newsletter. Please submit articles, announcements, upcoming event programming, photos, committee news, member news, and ads to newsletter@nywba.org. Submissions should be proofed and cite-checked, and NYWBA retains the usual editorial discretion to omit or edit all contributions. Send an email to newsletter@nywba.org if you have questions or are interested in joining the Newsletter Committee.

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