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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
WHAT AN INCREDIBLE YEAR!

May 2004



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Elizabeth A. Bryson

As we approach the end of the 2003-04 term, I am thrilled to report that the Association is in great shape. I am simply awed at how much we have all accomplished this year. Credit for this is due in large part to our distinguished Board and committee chairs.

The Board and the Membership Committee, chaired by Lisa Sokoloff, worked throughout the year to encourage membership and bring our message to law firms, companies and the courts. As a result, membership increased more than 50% from only two years ago.

Our Legislation Committee, chaired by Jane Bevans, reviewed proposed legislation and the difficult issue of "no fault" divorce, worked with our committees and WBASNY's Legislation Committee, and participated in a very successful "Legislation Day" in Albany that included meetings with key legislators.

The Matrimonial Committee, chaired by Randi Isaacs and Marilyn Sugarman, and the Children's Rights & Issues Committee, chaired by Jo Ann Douglas, presented programs and served as a network for family law practitioners.

In the fall, our Judiciary Committee, chaired by Cathy Foti and Bernie Dworkin, reviewed the qualifications of numerous candidates for judicial office, conducting thorough interviews and independent investigations on fitness, experience and character. Board member Wendy Schwartz represented NYWBA on the Democratic Screening Committee.

Several committees were revitalized this year, including the Working Mothers Committee, chaired by Christine Harman and Allison Brecher; the Trusts & Estates Committee, chaired by Loretta Ippolito, Leona Beane and Corinne Marcus; the Real Estate Committee, chaired by Jody Fay; and the Business Law, Taxation & Bankruptcy Committee, chaired by Maurya Keating and Madlyn Primoff. They are off to a wonderful start, and I am excited about what they will accomplish in the coming years.

Our Newsletter Committee, chaired by Teresa Schiller, worked tirelessly to publish our news and events. Thanks to everyone who contributed articles, pictures, and information, which made for very lively reading.

Through our Committee on Cooperation with Other Bar Associations, chaired by Phyllis Solomon and Lisa Sokoloff, we are represented on the Network of Bar Leaders. Our Committee to Advance the Status of Women in the

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NYWBA MENTOR SUCCESS STORY

The NYWBA Success Stories column is a forum for members to share stories and successes in their lives that occurred because of their membership or participation in NYWBA events, programs, and activities. The third in our series is a NYWBA Mentor Success Story contributed by Lisa Bauer, Co-Chair of the NYWBA Committee to Advance the Status of Women and our WBASNY Mentoring Liaison:

"It is particularly important to have a woman mentor," law student Cassandra Porter told me when I recently spoke with her about her mentor, Meg Gifford. Meg and Cassandra were paired as mentor and protégé last year through WBASNY's mentoring program, "LINK." LINK was established to give third-year law students and first-year practitioners greater access to mentors, a proven key to success.

Cassandra told me that Meg has provided invaluable guidance to her, even though she and Meg are focused on different substantive practice areas. Meg has helped Cassandra to strengthen her interviewing skills and to create an effective resume and cover letter. This assistance has been important to Cassandra's ability to launch a meaningful legal career. Cassandra has also learned from Meg about the Women's Bar and its many resources, and she plans to become a member when she graduates.

Cassandra e-mails or calls Meg when she needs advice, and the two also try to meet every six or eight weeks. (It has worked well for the two to meet periodically, but not all mentoring pairs meet in person.) Cassandra told me that she recognizes the value of her mentor's time, so she has endeavored to be flexible about meeting times. Meg observed that Cassandra has come to meetings prepared with focused questions.

From Meg's perspective, the mentoring experience has been rewarding and it has taken very little time. She stated, "I believe that those of us who have spent years learning our way around this profession should reach out and give a helping hand up the ladder to young women. If we can share our know-how, and in the process retain more women in the profession, all women lawyers benefit. Also, successful mentoring means that I have younger colleagues in many different positions who will give something back to me if I need help."

WBASNY established the LINK program in 2002 at the end of Meg's term as WBASNY President. Meg has been committed to LINK's success. She strongly encourages experienced lawyers to volunteer for this program: "They will realize that for the small investment in time, they are contributing to the improvement of the profession."

~ Lisa

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Profession, chaired by Lisa Bauer and Brenda Pomerance, spearheaded a new program to mentor third-year law students and first-year lawyers. They are also planning for this year's program for summer associates, "What It's Really Like to Practice Law in New York City as a Woman," which is scheduled for July 14th and co-sponsored by the City Bar.

Thanks to the Technology and Internet for Lawyers Committee, chaired by Kay Marmorek and Gerry Fifer, we launched our dynamic new website (www.nywba.org) this year. The site is a wonderful source for information about committees, events, and other information. We have members-only features and are adding the ability to securely take memberships and renewals online this Summer.

The Association sponsored many events this year, averaging more than two per month. In the fall, we held our Membership Reception, sponsored by Sheila Birnbaum and Skadden Arps. In November, thanks to Jo Ann Douglas and Susan Bender, we presented an in-depth, all-day CLE training program for law guardians representing children in divorce. Thanks to their work, we were named by the Appellate Division as the exclusive provider of CLE training for law guardians in the First Department.

In January, we held our Reception to Honor Newly Elected and Appointed Judges. The Reception Committee, headed by Myra Freed, did a wonderful job. In February, thanks to Teresa Schiller and Clifford Chance, we held an excellent CLE program entitled "Just the Facts, Ma'am - Interviewing Techniques." April saw our Annual Meeting and Ethics Forum, which featured the Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin. Our thanks to the Ethics Committee, chaired by Robin Eichen and Millie Matos, to Deborah Scalise of WBASNY, and to New York Life for hosting.

We were also very active at the state level. Among other activities, I chaired a WBASNY Task Force that examined rule changes proposed by the Commission to Promote Confidence in Judicial Elections.

The NYWBA Foundation has also been extremely active, sponsoring fellowships at several law schools that allow law students to work for important non-profit advocacy groups, such as the Lawyer's Committee for Human Rights, inMotion and Sanctuary for Families. The Foundation sponsored the "Take our Children to Work Day" celebration at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. VP Cathy Foti, whose wonderful article is in this Newsletter, spearheaded the event this year. The Foundation also continued its Breakfast Speaker Series, featuring prominent authors Kati Marton and Gail Collins as speakers.

I know we are all looking forward to the Annual Dinner on May 26th at the Grand Hyatt. Many thanks to Chairs Myra Freed and Jo Ann Douglas and the entire Dinner Committee for all their hard work. It is going to be an amazing event. I am thrilled that Linda Greenhouse, the *New York Times'* reporter covering the U.S. Supreme Court, will receive The President's Special Award, and Justice Jacqueline W. Silberman will receive the inaugural Joan L. Ellenbogen Award, sponsored by past President Sheila Birnbaum. I also want to congratulate our Award of Merit recipients - Davis Polk & Wardwell and Blank Rome LLP. Please join us.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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U.S. SUPREME COURT ADMISSION CEREMONY JANUARY 24, 2005

Are you admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court? Would you like to be? WBASNY is scheduling a group admission ceremony for its members at the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., on January 24, 2005. The admission ceremony is a moving experience, as it takes place before the nine Justices in the very courtroom where landmark arguments are heard. The ceremony is a wonderful event to share with friends and family. If you are not already admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, please consider joining us for this special day.

To be eligible, applicants must be WBASNY members and members of the New York Bar at the time of admission, have been admitted at least three years, and have submitted an application for admission with a certificate of good standing from the Appellate Division Department of admittance. The court fee for admission is \$150. (Applicants are responsible for their own travel arrangements and expenses.)

For an application, please send a check payable to WBASNY for \$150 to the following address: WBASNY, P.O. Box 936, Planetarium Station, New York, NY 10024-0546. For more information, contact WBASNY Executive Director Linda Chiaverini at 212-362-4445 or info@wasny.org.

NOTES ON MEMBERS

We are saddened to report that Mildred V. Ryan, mother of past NYWBA President **Barbara Ryan**, passed away on April 7, 2004. Our thoughts and prayers are with Barbara and her family. Donations may be made to St. John The Baptist High School Development Fund, 1170 Montauk Hwy, West Islip, NY, 11795, or Our Lady of Lourdes School, 455 Hunter Ave., West Islip, NY, 11795. Condolences may be sent to Barbara at her firm address: Aaronson Rappaport Feinstein Deutsch, 757 Third Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10017-2013.

The Association sends its best wishes and congratulations to **Robin Eichen and Steven Malin** on their engagement. An attorney at the Federal Trade Commission, Ms. Eichen is a member of the Association's Board of Directors and a Co-Chair of the Professional Ethics and Discipline Committee. Mr. Malin is an executive with the Federal Reserve.

Calling All Members!

NYWBA Committees are being formed for 2004-05. If you are interested in working on or chairing a committee, *please let us know.*

You can indicate your interest on your 2004-05 membership form (available online or from our Executive Director) or by contacting President Beth Bryson (president@nywba.org or 212-576-5738).

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NYWBA CO-HOSTS PROGRAM ON VIDEOTAPING OF CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS

NYWBA member and prominent criminal defense attorney Susan J. Walsh reported on a recent program on interrogations in criminal matters, entitled "Beware of False Confessions! Should All Custodial Interrogations of Crime Suspects Be Video Taped?" This program was presented by the Criminal Justice Section of the New York County Lawyers' Association, which Susan co-chairs, and was co-hosted by the NYWBA.

Should all custodial interrogations of criminal suspects be videotaped? That question was addressed at a public forum hosted by the New York County Lawyers' Association Justice Center and co-sponsored by NYWBA on March 1 at NYCLA headquarters. Nearly one hundred lawyers gathered to hear seven experts speak on the subject.

The experts were as follows: Richard Brown, Queens County District Attorney and a former judge; Christopher Dunn, Associate Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union; Amy Klobuchar, Minnesota's Hennepin County District Attorney; Eugene Nathanson, Manhattan civil rights lawyer; Russell Neufeld, Legal Aid Society's Attorney-in-Charge of the Criminal Defense Division; William Perkins, Deputy Majority Leader for the New York City Council; and Timothy Sullivan (moderator), Court TV producer and author of "Unequal Verdicts: The Central Park Jogger Trials." Law enforcement officers were invited to participate in the panel, but they declined to attend (one due to a family emergency).

The impetus for the forum was a report and resolution of the New York County Lawyers' Association, calling for the videotaping of all custodial interrogations of criminal suspects. The American Bar Association's legislative body unanimously adopted the report and resolution in February 2003. Mr. Nathanson, the chief drafter of the report and resolution, said during the March 1 forum that the goal of the videotaping initiative was to provide an effective evaluative tool for judges and juries. He said that the call for videotaping was not only to protect the innocent accused and prevent false confessions, but also to protect the integrity of the process and enhance public confidence in the criminal justice system. He briefed program attendees on the state of the law with regard to the recording of custodial interviews. He said that two jurisdictions required the taping of custodial interrogations: Minnesota and Alaska. Two others, Illinois and the District of Columbia, recently enacted legislation for the taping of accused for certain crimes.

The forum opened with powerful footage of an actual police interrogation of Michael Crowe, a 14-year-old suspect in the murder of his younger sister. Crowe ultimately confessed after hours of intensive questioning and persistent denials, although he was later exonerated. The clips of the Crowe interrogation, provided courtesy of Court TV, included court-sanctioned techniques, such as false claims by the police that incriminating evidence had been found at the crime scene and that Crowe had failed a "fake" truth test. The techniques prompted gasps from the audience, which included prosecutors, judges, other court personnel, criminal defense lawyers, and members of the public.

Mr. Brown spoke against the videotaping requirement and was the sole dissenter on the panel. He cited the enormous potential costs of such a program in a jurisdiction of several million people

and an unwillingness to interfere with processes of law enforcement and crime investigation. Mr. Brown fielded the most questions from the audience, including one that suggested the implementation of a small-scale pilot program to test the proposal.

Mr. Dunn challenged Mr. Brown's concerns about the cost and burden on effective law enforcement. He observed that videotaping equipment is already available because confessions (though not interrogations) are videotaped in many homicide cases and other serious cases in New York. He also pointed out that New York Police Department rules require the audio-taping of interrogations of police officers accused of wrongdoing. Mr. Dunn urged that the standard applicable to accused police officers should be applicable to the general public as well.

Ms. Klobuchar shared video footage from Minnesota and commented on actual interrogations of a number of convicted suspects, in an effective demonstration of the usefulness of videotaping as a law enforcement tool. Minnesota does not require videotaping in every jurisdiction, but does mandate some form of electronic recording. She emphasized, and the clips demonstrated, that the requirement to record does not require advising the suspect that he or she is being taped. One clip showed a suspect who feigned blindness throughout an interrogation, only to be captured later on film reading a note from his pocket after the officers had left the room. Klobuchar reported that although law enforcers in her jurisdiction were initially resistant to the court-imposed requirement, the majority are now staunchly behind it. Moreover, she reported that the cost of the program to set up a video room in the Minneapolis area was only about \$3,000 per room (plus the cost of the videotapes).

NYC Council Member William Perkins spoke about his sponsorship of an amendment to the New York City Administrative Code that would require that all interrogations be videotaped in their entirety. Mr. Perkins cited the need for the amendment by recounting the 1989 arrest, conviction, and subsequent exoneration of five youths who had confessed in the Central Park jogger case. He stated that the law was needed to preserve and provide an unbiased account of the activity that takes place in the interrogation room. He stressed the need to foster confidence in the criminal justice system, particularly in minority communities.

The two-hour forum, which was videotaped by NYCLA and the New York State Bar Association and was followed by an open-house reception, concluded with a request for collaboration among the organized bar to advance the call for legislative action on the issue.

~ Susan

NYWBA Annual Dinner To Be Held On May 26, 2004

On Wednesday, May 26, 2004, the New York Women's Bar Association will host its Annual Dinner at the Grand Hyatt New York Hotel. Join us as we kick off our 70th year in great style, with truly deserving honorees.

This year's Dinner marks the inaugural year of the **Joan L. Ellenbogen Award**, which we are honored to award to the **Honorable Jacqueline W. Silbermann**. The award is being underwritten by Sheila Birnbaum, a former President of NYWBA and constant supporter, who will make a substantial gift to charity in the name of the honoree. Justice Silbermann is the statewide administrative judge for matrimonial matters as well as the chief administrative judge for the Supreme Court in New York County. Justice Silbermann is highly deserving of this award, having served the NYWBA in many capacities, including her present role as board member. She has also had a remarkable impact on the practice of matrimonial law across the state, focusing on childrens' rights and needs and as the author of numerous precedent-setting decisions.

Linda Greenhouse will receive **The President's Special Award**. Ms. Greenhouse is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, currently covering the U.S. Supreme Court as a correspondent for *The New York Times*. NYWBA President Elizabeth A. Bryson, who will be sworn in for her second term at the Dinner, selected Ms. Greenhouse for her outstanding work and contributions to the legal profession.

Blank Rome LLP and **Davis Polk & Wardwell** will both receive the Association's **Award of Merit** for their dedicated generosity and support of the NYWBA and for their support of women's issues. Thanks to the generosity of our founder and past president, the **Honorable Florence Perlow Shientag**, a deserving law student will receive the **Florence Perlow Shientag Award** and a \$10,000 check for writing the most outstanding essay on an issue of constitutional law.

The 2004-2005 officers, directors, and NYWBA delegates to WBASNY will be sworn in by the **Honorable Betty Weinberg Ellerin**, who is a Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, and a past NYWBA president.

This year's Dinner is a "don't-miss" event. A cocktails and hors d'oeuvres reception with the honorees will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a lovely dinner at 6:45 p.m. Invitations can be downloaded from the NYWBA website (www.nywba.org), with options for buying tables and individual seats. For your convenience, we have included an RSVP form with this edition of the Newsletter. We expect a wonderful turnout for the Dinner, so be sure to make your reservations early.

For further information about the Annual Dinner, please contact NYWBA Executive Director Marta Toro at info@nywba.org or (212) 360-7055.

Working Mothers Committee Moves Forward

The Working Mothers Committee -- recently reinvigorated with the appointments of Allison Brecher and Christine Harman as co-chairs - has begun a series of informative meetings for NYWBA members. The committee plans to have several meetings a year, with a guest speaker at each meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2004, and an investment specialist will talk about college savings strategies.

Allison and Christine are excited about the potential of the committee to help their colleagues. Said Christine, "As attorneys and mothers, Allison and I recognize the challenges of family and career. We are hoping that this committee can be a resource and provide support to NYWBA members who are striving for balance in their lives."

In January, the committee held a brown-bag lunch meeting, which was attended by fifteen working mothers. They discussed generally issues relating to their dual roles, and they brainstormed about topics for future meetings. "Day care," "selecting nursery schools," and "commuting" were raised as possibilities.

At the upcoming May 12th committee meeting, guest speaker Phil Capparelli, an investment specialist with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, will make a free presentation to the group about college savings strategies. The lunch meeting will take place at 12:00 p.m. at the offices of Co-Chair Allison Brecher at March McLennan Companies, 1166 Avenue of the Americas. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Allison Brecher (Allison.L.Brecher@mmc.com or 212-345-9286) or Christine Harman (charman@metlife.com or 212-578-7647). (Your RSVP will ensure that your name will be on the security list.)

Any working mother interested in sharing ideas or concerns is welcome to join the committee. For more information, please contact Allison Brecher or Christine Harman.

MENTORS NEEDED

The New York Women's Bar Association participates in WBASNY's mentoring program, "LINK," which is designed to provide a link to resources in the legal community for third-year law students and new graduates transitioning into legal careers. Mentoring relationships begun in a student's third year continue into her first year of practice. The goals of LINK are to (1) orient mentored students and new lawyers to law firm or institutional culture; (2) introduce professional expectations; (3) assist less-advantaged female professionals; and (4) help students and new lawyers pave the way to a more satisfying and productive career. WBASNY's mentoring program is not a replacement for a headhunter or career services organization, a "fast track," or a replacement for on-the-job training.

Our chapter has had many LINK applications from students this past year, so mentors are needed. If you are interested in being a mentor, please contact our chapter's Mentoring Liaisons: Lisa Bauer, at 212-969-3221 or lbauer@proskauer.com, or Christine Harman, at 212-578-7647 or charman@metlife.com. A mentor application form can also be filled out at www.wbasny.org.

We all have valuable insights to give to women who are new to the legal profession. Please take the time to do so!

NYWBA'S "TAKE OUR CHILDREN TO WORK DAY" AT SECOND CIRCUIT A HUGE SUCCESS

NYWBA Vice President Catherine M. Foti provided the following report about this year's "Taking Our Children to Work Day" program at the United State Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Unites States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

This year, I had the pleasure of helping organize the annual "Take Our Sons and Daughters to Work Day" program, a yearly event the NYWBA sponsors with the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The program, which was originally entitled, "Take our Daughters To Work Day," was created in 1993 by the Ms. Foundation to address concerns arising from the findings of various studies that adolescent girls receive significantly less attention in school and develop less self-confidence than adolescent boys. The goal of the program was to expose pre-teen and teenaged girls to women in the workplace who could serve as role models and mentors.

In 1997, Heather M. Zona (NYWBA immediate past-president) and Gillian Fisher founded the Association's "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" program." As Heather explained in her April 2003 President's Message, their goal for the program was to "provide at-risk public high school girls with exposure to role models in the legal profession." Initially, the program involved taking girls from Martin Luther King, Jr. High School and then Murry Bergtraum High School to visit private law firms and the state courts. Then, in 1999, with the appointment of this Association's past president, Karen Greve Milton, to the position of Circuit Executive, the NYWBA's "Take Our Daughters To Work Day" program moved to the Second Circuit, where it has become an eagerly-awaited annual event.

Since it has been held at the Federal Courthouse, the program's attendance has grown from 24 girls in 1999 to approximately 140 girls and boys this year. Also, whereas in 1999 the program included the daughters of court personnel and girls from just one local high school, this year the program included the sons and daughters of court personnel and students from four local schools: Murry Bergtraum High School, Washington Irving High School, and the seventh and eighth grade classes of Transfiguration and St. James schools.

This year the program began with breakfast and introductory remarks at the Federal Courthouse at 40 Foley Square. First, Elizabeth Cronin, Director of Legal Affairs for the Second Circuit, welcomed the children and explained the creation and evolution of the program. Next, President Elizabeth Bryson engaged the children in an animated discussion about the many types of lawyers, the numerous different jobs in the court system, and the creation of the New York Women's Bar Association. Beth answered a variety of questions from the children, ranging from the origin and structure of the court system, to how she and other lawyers could defend a guilty person, to the reasons why people are found guilty or innocent and why different "burdens of proof" exist in civil and criminal cases.

The children then moved to the 15th floor Second Circuit courtroom, where they met with U.S. Circuit Judge Sonia Sotomayor. Judge Sotomayor inspired the children with her story of growing up in the Bronx as a child of Puerto-Rican

immigrants, becoming the first person in her family to graduate from high school, and then becoming the first Hispanic federal judge in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and ultimately the first Hispanic Circuit Court Judge. Judge Sotomayor also discussed the impact of the decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* on her life and used that decision to exemplify the impact of law on society. Judge Sotomayor took questions from the eager crowd on diverse subjects, such as "Why do you wear a black robe?" (symbolizes neutrality) and "What inspired you to be a judge?" (watching Perry Mason). Judge Sotomayor also allowed the children to go into the robing room behind the courtroom and to sit in the judges' chairs.

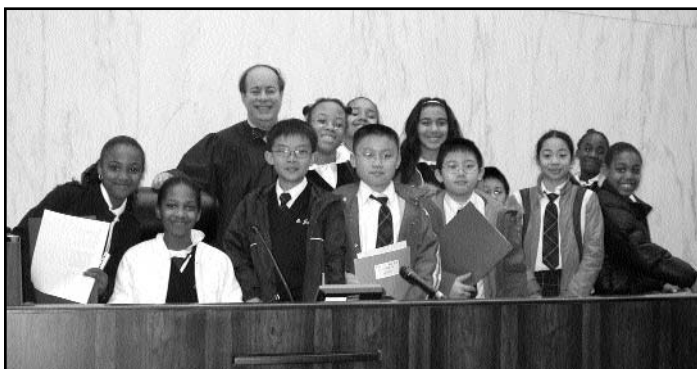
The children next broke into smaller groups to meet with various district and magistrate judges, including Judge Evan J. Wallach of the Court of International Trade. Finally, all the children convened at the Federal Courthouse at 500 Pearl Street, where they heard from various non-lawyer personnel working in the court system, including a court interpreter and representatives of the United States Marshals service. The program portion of the day concluded with a demonstration by Woody, a bomb-sniffing dog. Finally, thanks to the generosity of the New York Women's Bar Foundation, which each year underwrites various costs of the program, the children were treated to every child's dream lunch: pizza and cookies.

From all accounts, the day was a tremendous success. The children learned not only about the development and structure of the court system but also about the many potential career choices available to them if they chose to work for the courts or in the law. Every child also received a folder filled with links to websites where information about different types of careers. We thank all the speakers and the terrific court staff for their support of this important program. The Association is especially grateful to Circuit Executive and past President Karen Greve Milton, the Human Resources and Public Affairs units of the Circuit Executive's Office, and particularly to Tom Asreen, Director of Human Resources, and his staff, who were primarily responsible for organizing this event for the court. It was clear from the children's enthusiasm and their wide smiles that they left with great memories of the day.

~ Cathy



"TAKE OUR CHILDREN TO WORK DAY"



Court of International Trade Judge Evan J. Wallach and new friends.



Elizabeth Cronin, Director of Legal Affairs for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and NYWBA President Elizabeth A. Bryson (l to r).



Judge Sonia Sotomayor of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.



FUN DAY!



LOTS OF QUESTIONS!



AN ATTENTIVE GROUP!

Congresswoman Maloney Headlines Annual Ethel Danzig Lecture

On April 19, 2004, Carolyn B. Maloney, the United States Congresswoman who represents parts of New York and Queens Counties in the House of Representatives, was the featured speaker at the Ethel B. Danzig Memorial Lecture held at New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA). The event was co-sponsored by NYWBA, NYCLA, and the Metropolitan Women's Bar Association.

The topic, the importance of women's issues in Congress, was highlighted in the welcoming remarks of the Honorable Barbara R. Kapnick, Supreme Court Justice, New York County, and Michael Miller, NYCLA President. Judge Kapnick, who began her career in the courts as the court attorney of the late Ethel B. Danzig, remarked that Justice Danzig would be honored if she knew that Congresswoman Maloney, a champion of women's rights, was speaking in her honor. The Honorable Richard Lee Price, co-chair of NYCLA's Committee on Women's Rights, introduced Congresswoman Maloney to the standing-room-only crowd.

Speaking without notes, the Congresswoman spoke knowledgeably about both the legislative and legal history of women in the United States. She praised the judiciary for often achieving results that the legislature could not achieve, and she cited seminal cases such as *Brown v. The Board of Education* and *Roe v. Wade*. Congresswoman Maloney spoke passionately about the issues at stake in the upcoming presidential and legislative elections. She reminded the audience, composed of judges and attorneys, that the upcoming elections were just as much about judges (particularly Supreme Court Justices) as they were about the executive branch of government. She noted that *Roe v. Wade*, in particular, was hanging by a tenuous thread that could be severed if President Bush - elected to a second term - replaced a retiring moderate Supreme Court Justice with a more conservative one.

Congresswoman Maloney outlined a brief history of voting in the 104th through 108th Congresses relating to reproductive rights, women's health, women's status and earnings, parental leave, child-care, and women's rights. She informed the attentive audience that during the last four Congresses, initiatives protecting rights pertaining to women, children, and reproduction either have been cut directly or have been rendered unenforceable by the lack of funding necessary to assess compliance.

Congresswoman Maloney also talked about what she characterized as the Republicans' deceptive practice of couching legislation in titles that no one could possibly criticize, such as the new "unborn victims of violence" law. She said that many Americans have been tricked into believing that the law was enacted to protect fetuses, such as the one carried by Lacey Peterson, from violence (particularly domestic violence). In fact, she said that the law was intended to provide fetuses with rights that are separate from, and even in conflict with, those of their mothers. Congresswoman Maloney stated that she feared that every pregnant woman's ordinary decisions could become subject to challenge, opening up medical and dietary choices to possible liability, and even criminal charges. While this law was certainly drafted with the pro-life goal of making it a crime to perform an abortion, Congresswoman Maloney stated that the law's ensuing harm could transcend the debate on abortion. She made a request for women in the legal profession to become more involved in the debate. Specifically, she called on those assembled to look into the possible consequences of the law and to report back to Congress.

WBASNY CONVENTION 2004

On May 20-23, 2004, WBASNY will celebrate its 25th Anniversary at WBASNY Convention 2004 in the historic French Quarter of New Orleans, Louisiana. The convention will be headquartered at Hotel Monteleone, and it will kick off with a Riverboat Dinner Jazz Cruise. A convention highlight for NYWBA members will be the installation of NYWBA President Elizabeth A. Bryson as a Vice President of WBASNY at the Installation Dinner. Other social events include the Awards Dinner and receptions honoring outgoing President Jo M. Katz and incoming President Mindy Zlotogura. Attendees will have the chance to earn CLE credits at interesting programs on ethics, matrimonial law, bankruptcy, leadership, legal writing, and employment law. Free time has been built into the schedule to allow attendees to explore New Orleans. The Convention will conclude with the WBASNY Annual Meeting.

To commemorate WBASNY's quarter-century of dedication to advancing the rights of women in the legal community and society at large, various sponsorship opportunities are available. If you are interested in sponsoring an event at the convention, please go to www.wbasny.org for more information.

There is still time to sign up for the 2004 WBASNY Convention and get ready for an exciting weekend in New Orleans. You can register on-line at www.wbasny.org. Please sign up today!

WBASNY CONVENTION 2004

25th Anniversary Celebration

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NYWBA President Elizabeth Bryson,
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Welcome to the fifth tech column, sponsored by the Technology & Internet for Lawyers Committee. Last month we featured federal and state securities laws and regulations, administrative opinions, and case law. This month we feature the resolution of securities disputes by **arbitration**. Arbitration in front of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) is the prevailing method of resolution in securities litigation disputes.

For an overview of arbitration procedures, see Securities Fraud & Investor Protection Resource Center, sponsored by attorney Harry S. Miller:

<http://www.securitieslaw.com/arbitration.html>; Arbitration Information Center, hosted by Beam & Astarita, LLC: <http://www.seclaw.com/centers/arbcent.shtm>; and New York Stock Exchange (NYSE): the "Regulation" and then the "Arbitration" links at <http://www.nyse.com>.

For regulations governing arbitration, and guidance on preparing a case, see the Securities Law Information Center: <http://www.sec-nasd-regulations.com>.

For particular arbitration forums, see National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD): <http://www.nasdadr.com>; and American Arbitration Association: <http://www.adr.org>.

Remember that you also can enter the phrase "securities arbitration" in search-engines (such as <http://www.google.com>, <http://www.altavista.com>, and <http://www.yahoo.com>).

Please send comments and suggested websites to Eleanor Vale (techcolumn@nywba.org). We look forward to your contributions, whatever your area of practice. If you come across a web site you value, please share it with the rest of us.

~ Eleanor Vale

We intend this as a service to our members. As with all research tools, you should use your judgment in assessing the accuracy and completeness of the information you find on the Internet.

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COMMITTEE CALENDAR

The **Technology and Internet for Lawyers Committee** will meet on **Monday, May 10, 2004, at 6:15 p.m.** at the offices of NYWBA President Elizabeth Bryson, New York Life, Room 2612, 44 E. 27th Street (between Park and Madison Avenues). New members are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For information or to RSVP, please contact Co-Chair Kay Marmorek at 212-748-5967 or til@nywba.org. Please save the date for the Committee's annual dinner, which will take place on **Thursday, June 3, 2004, at 6:15 p.m.** (location to be announced at the May meeting).

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Please RSVP to NYWBA Executive Director Marta Toro (info@nywba.org or 212-360-7055)

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NYWBA President Elizabeth Bryson Attends Women's History Month Event at Gracie Mansion

On March 24, 2004, President Elizabeth Bryson attended an inspiring event at Gracie Mansion to celebrate Women's History Month. Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Anne Sutherland Fuchs, Chair of the New York City Commission on Women, hosted the evening. "The entire evening was a celebration of the incredible women who are this year's honorees and the important work that they do," said Ms. Bryson.

Eleven incredible women were honored at the event. **Lilliam Barrios-Paoli** is senior vice president and chief executive officer for the United Way of New York City and a former executive director of Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center. She is a former commissioner of several City agencies and a past instructor at several area colleges. **Amalia Betanzos** is founder and president of Wildcat Service Corporation, which has developed into a multi-million-dollar enterprise to help the chronically unemployed break into the workforce. She also served as the chair of the City Commission on the Status of Women and in other City positions, and she is active on several non-profit boards. **Sarah Buel** is a domestic violence activist, attorney, and educator who has advocated for three decades on behalf of battered women and children. A former victim herself, she runs a legal clinic and is a co-founder and co-director of the National Training Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence. **Edna Campbell** is a breast cancer survivor and professional basketball player with the WNBA's Sacramento Monarchs. She travels across the country to speak about breast cancer awareness and raise funds for research. **Jill Ker Conway** rose from humble beginnings in the Australian Outback to serve as the first female president of Smith College in Massachusetts, an all-women's college that she led for a decade. She is a historian and writer who has published inspiring books about her own and other women's struggles to succeed. **Marian Wright Edelman** is the founder of the

Children's Defense Fund, which has grown during its 30-year history to be the largest national advocate for children's rights. A lawyer, she advocates for civil rights in addition to children's rights. **Joanne Jaffe** is the highest-ranking officer in NYPD history. During her 25-year career, she has risen through the ranks of the NYPD and served in the particularly challenging Narcotics Division and Street Crime unit. **Maxine Hong Kingston** is an acclaimed writer and poet who draws upon the traditions and images of her Chinese ancestry in her storytelling. She grew up as an immigrant working long hours in the family-owned laundry, became a teacher as an adult, and eventually won awards for her writing, including National Book Critic's Circle Awards for two of her books. **Susan Love** co-founded the National Breast Cancer Coalition, which has coordinated the advocacy efforts of more than 200 organizations and thousands of individual members. She has used her skills as a surgeon and author to inspire generations of doctors to treat breast cancer patients with least-intrusive procedures. **Leslie Marmon Silko** is an acclaimed poet and writer who draws from the Native-American aspect of her mixed heritage to tell stories. Raised in the Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico, she now holds academic appointments at the Universities of New Mexico and Arizona. **Vilma Martinez** served as president and general counsel of the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund (MALDF) for nine years. A civil rights attorney, community activist, and educator, she served as president of the University of California Board of Regents and as a member of many corporate and philanthropic boards.

As Ms. Bryson commented after the event, "The theme of this year's Women's History Month was 'Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility,' and these honorees embody the hope and possibility that each of us can make a difference in so many people's lives. I was honored to attend the event and celebration at Gracie Mansion. It was truly inspiring."



Newsletter Deadline and Contact Information

Submissions must be sent to the Newsletter Committee by the **10th** of the month for publication in the following month's newsletter. Please e-mail articles, notes on members, committee calendars, and any other announcements to **Teresa Schiller, Esq.**, tel. no. 212-878-3003, email newsletter@nywba.org.

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The NYWBA List Serve provides up-to-the-moment information concerning events, programs, and job announcements through email. Please email us at info@nywba.org if you have an announcement you would like to post on the list serve or if you would like to be added to the list serve.

Have you changed your address, firm, phone number or other information? Please call 212-360-7055 or send an e-mail to "info@nywba.org" with the updated information. This will help us keep you informed and our records up-to-date.

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