



NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2016

The summer has flown by and so much has happened since I took office on June 1, 2016. I was honored to be at the WBASNY Convention in St. Petersburg, Florida where **Martha E. ("Meg") Gifford, Esq.**, received the **Joan L. Ellenbogen Founders Award**. A more deserving recipient could not be found.



Deborah G. Rosenthal

On June 22, 2016, we hosted our annual Committee Chairs event. Welcome to the following new committee co-chairs: **Ariel D. Chesler, Jessica A. Dahan, Diane Ferrone, Jeffrey Helewitz, Angelica Kontoroff, Sabrina E. Morrissey, Suzanne Peters, Mai Ratakonda, Danielle Rodriguez, Jessica Rosen, Jennifer H. Sundt, and Judith E. White**. At this event, we discussed plans for meetings, programs and events for the coming year. As you can see from announcements and calendar of events set forth in this newsletter, we are planning many events and CLEs in September and October.

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

Annual Membership Cocktail Reception

Meet the Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs, NYWBA members and prospective members at this *complimentary* cocktail reception.

Join with your colleagues and friends, network, and discover the many benefits of NYWBA membership, including:

- Member discounts at NYWBA's exciting CLE courses
- Committees to enhance your knowledge of substantive areas of the law and help address important legal and social issues
- Legislative and legal efforts to promote the fair and equal administration of justice and to help fight against attempts to compromise the rights of women and equality for all persons under the law
- NYWBA's highly-praised "Mentoring Circles" program
- Fun social and networking events

Date: *Thursday, September 8, 2016*

Time: 6:00 – 7:45 pm

Place: *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*
4 Times Square, NYC

Cost: *Complimentary*

RSVP: *By September 2, 2016 at*

<http://archive.nywba.org/MemberReception>

The New York Women's Bar Association and the Women's National Basketball Association

invite you to the

New York Liberty vs. Seattle Storm

Date: *Wednesday, September 7, 2015*

Time: Meet at 6:30 p.m., game starts at 7:00 p.m.

Place: *Madison Square Garden*

What: Great seats near the Liberty bench, t-shirts for all, a \$10 food voucher and two opportunities to be on the court to welcome players onto the field, both for pre-game warm-up and after half time.

Who: All are welcome, including (especially) kids!

Cost: *\$45*

RSVP: *<http://archive.nywba.org/NYLiberty>
by September 2, 2016*

Info: Email NYLiberty@nywba.org

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Our 22nd Annual Summer Program, recently retitled "**The Martha E. Gifford Summer Program What its Really Like to Practice Law as a Woman,**" was held on July 13, 2015. Among the many innovations Meg Gifford instituted when she was President of the NYWBA was co-founding this program. This year we were privileged to have Meg Gifford address the attendees, who included over 200 law students and junior attorneys just starting their legal careers. Thank you to past and present NYWBA Board Members, **Cassandra M. Porter** and **Victoria Turchetti** for organizing this program once again.

I would like to invite you to our **Annual Membership Reception** on September 8, 2016 at Skadden Arps, which has so graciously hosted this reception for many years. This event is open to all members and prospective members. Although the event is free, you must sign up on the NYWBA website, www.nywba.org. All members are encouraged to invite a prospective member to this event. Thank you to **Phyllis Korff** for being our host at Skadden Arps. This year, we will be recognizing our **Sustaining Members** at the Membership Reception. Sustaining Members are members who generously pay \$250.00 in annual dues. The extra dues that sustaining members pay is used to pay for free events, such as our Membership Reception and for dues waivers for members who are experiencing hardships. Thank you to our Sustaining Members.

At the Membership Reception, I will be kicking off our membership drive. Our goal is to have **500 members by September 30**. Our Committee Chairs have been hard at work asking members to renew, and we have a good head start on achieving our goal. As of printing, we had 400 members. You can renew your membership at <http://membership.nywba.org>.

As you know, the New York Women's Bar Association is the largest chapter of the Women's Bar Association of New York, which is the second largest statewide bar association. Increasing our membership grows our voice in WBASNY, which in turn enlarges WBASNY's voice in influencing legislation in NY State.

Speaking of WBASNY, WBASNY President **Jacqueline P. Flug** has instituted a **voter registration drive** this year. I have asked **Vanessa Kaster** and **Nidhi Shetye** to co-chair this initiative. Should you be interested in participating in the voter registration drive, please email them at vote@nywba.org.

Finally, on Friday, September 23, we will be hosting officers and directors of WBASNY chapters throughout the State at a dinner at Sinigual, 640 Third Avenue (at 41st street), NYC at 6:15 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend this fun event, before the WBASNY meeting on September 24.

I encourage you all to regularly review our online calendar and our eblasts for information about our upcoming events.

Deborah



Katharine Bodde, Stephanie Toti, and Priscilla Smith (l. to r.)

**What's Become of a Women's Right to Choose?
 TRAPPED: Screening & Panel
 By Alexandra Douglas**

On May 26th, the **NYWBA's International Women's Rights Committee** hosted a screening of the award-winning documentary **Trapped**, paired with an exciting panel of reproductive rights activists. The event was held at Frankfurt Kurmit Klein & Selz PC.

Trapped provides a vital examination of southern abortion clinics that are facing the imposition of "TRAP" laws: the letters stand for "Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers," and consist of laws aimed at closing clinics or reducing their numbers by placing unfeasible demands on them. What the film – and our panel – clearly showed, however, is that these laws in no way further the promotion of women's health. Featured in the documentary is Gloria Gray of the West Alabama Women's Center in Tuscaloosa, who succinctly summarizes the ultimate outcome of TRAP laws: "Closing the clinics in not going to stop abortions. Women are going to have abortions; it's just that they are not going to be safe and legal."

The recently decided Supreme Court case examining several Texas TRAP laws, *Whole Women's Health v. Hellerstedt*, which was decided one month after the program. The Court ruled 5-3 that Texas cannot place restrictions on the delivery of abortion services that create an undue burden for women seeking an abortion which made the timing of the event particularly apropos.

Panellist **Stephanie Toti**, Senior Counsel at the Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR) and lead counsel for *Whole Women's Health*, provided a fascinating behind-the-scenes description of the oral argument, and prompted a lively discussion amongst the panellists as to the various potential outcomes of the case. Toti and fellow panellist **Priscilla Smith** – Senior Associate Research Scholar in Law and Senior Fellow at the Information Society Project at Yale Law School, and past U.S. Legal Program Director at CRR – weighed various possibilities, such as a remand for further factual inquiry on the link between clinic closures and the legislation in question, and the issuance of a strong legal standard coupled with either a less-than-positive outcome, on technicalities, for the issues presently before the court, or, a more positive decision, a finding that the legislation did present an "undue burden," as per the Casey standard.

Following audience questions on the matter, the discussion turned to a comparison of the progress of the women's rights movement as compared to that of the LGBT community. Panellist **Katharine Bodde**, Policy Counsel at the New York Civil Liberties Union, made a very pertinent observation when she commented that women's struggle for reproductive freedom was running into roadblocks in part because, as compared to the issue of gay marriage, reproductive rights pose a larger threat to existing familial roles. Extending marriage rights to the gay and lesbian community is, at its essence, the drawing in of a previously excluded group into the status quo – that is, the nuclear family. In contrast, allowing women full control over their reproduction gives them access to a multitude of pathways that may or may not include participation in the traditional family structure.

The audience, members of both the NYWBA and of NOW-NYC, were wholly engaged throughout both the film and the panel discussion. The issue of abortion access is one that speaks to people from all walks of life, and the diversity of attendees enriched the discussion immeasurably.

Alexandra Douglas is an associate at Schlam Stone and Dolan, where she practices commercial litigation. She is an active member of the International Women's Rights Committee.

COMMITTEE NEWS

- **Civil Courts Committee** will meet on **Sept. 20** at 1:00 pm at the Civil Courthouse, 111 Centre St., Room TBD, NYC. RSVP CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org.
- **CLE Committee** will meet on **Sept. 22** at 6:00 pm at Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP, 1350 Broadway (btwn. 35th and 36th Sts), 12th Fl., NYC. RSVP CLE@nywba.org.
- **Committee to Advance the Status of Women in the Profession** will meet on **Sept. 15**, at 6:00 pm, New York County Civil Court, 111 Centre St., 12th Fl., NYC. RSVP AdvanceStatus@nywba.org.
- **Criminal Law Committee** will meet **Sept. 13** at 6:15 pm at The Hoffinger Firm, 150 East 58th St., 16th Fl., NYC. RSVP to CrimLawChairs@nywba.org.
- **Elder Law & Disabilities Committee** will hold its Fall Mixer on **Sept. 15**. Time and Location TBA. The Committee will also hold a meeting **Oct. 13**. For more info and to RSVP, e-mail ElderLawChairs@nywba.org.
- **Employment and Equal Opportunity for Women Committee** will meet **Sept. 13** at 6:00 pm at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, 7 Times Square (entrance is on Broadway btwn. 41/42), NYC. RSVP by Sept. 12 to EEOWChairs@nywba.org.
- **Events Committee** is sponsoring a wine tasting with **Hudson Chatham Winery** on **Sept. 20** from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Aysa, located at 109 West 37th St., Suite 301, NYC. Cost \$35 per person. RSVP to Events@nywba.org. (See notice p. 6).
- **International Women's Right Committee** will meet on **Sept. 12** and **Oct. 17** at 6:30 pm at Le Pain Quotiden, 81 West Broadway, NYC. RSVP IntlChairs@nywba.org.
- **Litigation Committee** will meet on **Sept. 20** at 6:30 pm at Naples 45, 200 Park Ave., NYC. Topic: **Get to know your fellow committee members**. RSVP Litigationchairs@NYWBA.org. The Committee will also host a **CLE: "A Cyber Breach Primer: Cybersecurity, Cyber Governance, And Cyber Insurance: What Clients Need to Know"** on **Oct. 18** from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at Sills, Cummins & Gross, 101 Park Ave., 28th Fl., NYC. RSVP Litigationchairs@nywba.org. (See notice p. 6).
- **Matrimonial & Family Law Committee** will host a meet and greet reception on **Sept. 7** from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at 156 Fifth Ave., Suite 303, NYC. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. RSVP reception@brmatlaw.com. (See notice p. 7).
- **Reproductive Rights & Women's Health Committee** will hold a **CLE Program "The State of the Uterus: An Update on Roe v. Wade"** on **Sept. 29** at 6:00 pm. (See notice p. 5). The Committee will also meet **Sept. 6** and **Oct. 4** at 6:30 pm. All meetings will take place at Blank Rome LLP, 405 Lexington Ave., NYC. RSVP reproductiverights@nywba.org.
- **Solo and Small Law Firm Committee** will meet **Sept. 22** at 8:30 am at Phillips & Paolicelli, LLP, 747 Third Ave., 6th Fl. Topic: **Starting and Growing Your Own Practice**. RSVP SSFChairs@nywba.org.

SUPPORT THE NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, INC.

The New York Women's Bar Association Foundation's goals are: (1) to eliminate gender bias and other forms of discrimination from the legal system and legal profession, (2) to promote the social and economic equality, safety and well being of women and children, and (3) to address the unmet legal needs of women and children. It is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization which supports and funds charitable and philanthropic programs to aid women and children throughout Manhattan and beyond.

NYWBAF initiatives are made possible through the financial contributions of members of the New York Women's Bar Association, colleagues and friends. Donations are tax-deductible as charitable contributions.

Help us advance our mission to aid women and children in New York and beyond by giving to the Foundation. To make a contribution please go to <http://nywbaf.org/donate>.

NOTES ON MEMBERS

Congratulations to committee co-chair **Monica Shulman** on her appointment as a Family Court Judge in Bronx County.

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

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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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Annual Summer Program: New Name, Relevant As Ever By Cassandra Porter

More than 20 years ago, New York Women's Bar Association's leaders, including past-president **Martha E. ("Meg") Gifford, Esq.**, recognized a need among newer attorneys for guidance and insight into how to plan their careers, and, thrive in the profession. This observation eventually led to the creation of the "What It's (REALLY) Like to Practice Law as a Woman" program. In honor of one of its founders, the program was renamed "**The Martha E. Gifford Summer Program**" earlier this year by the New York Women's Bar Association Board of Directors.

This year's program drew over 250 attendees, the majority of whom were law students, summer associates, interns, and lawyers in their early years of practice. After an introduction by program co-chair **Cassandra Porter**, New York City Bar President **John S. Kiernan** spoke of the benefits of joining bar associations. NYWBA President **Deborah G. Rosenthal** provided a history of the NYWBA, noting the importance of NYWBA to her own career path. President Rosenthal introduced Ms. Gifford who discussed the origins of the program, its evolution, and continued importance more than two decades later.

At the conclusion of the introductions, the night's moderator, **Deborah Epstein Henry**, Co-Founder & Managing Director, Bliss Lawyers; Founder, Flex-Time Lawyers, introduced the evening's featured speakers: **Hon. Kelly O'Neill Levy**, Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, Civil Branch; **Rakhi Bahadkar-Rajpaul**, Director, Legal and Compliance – AML Investigations, Morgan Stanley; **Sarah D. Efronson**, Associate, Jones Day LLP; and **Vanessa C. Stoffels**, Assistant General Counsel, HUGO NEU. The moderator and panelists shared their personal histories and career anecdotes while imparting advice to the attendees. They detailed their own individual efforts to develop their career plans, as well as their struggles along the way and emphasized the importance of mentoring and networking in helping to advance one's career.

Following the panel discussion, a wine and cheese networking reception was held that gave attendees the opportunity to engage with the panel and moderator as well as with experienced attorneys from the NYWBA (including members of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs) and from the City Bar. Lively

discussions were abundant, and the feedback from attendees was extremely positive. Several spoke of how inspired and encouraged they were by the panel (particularly in the current economic climate), and expressed great interest in joining the NYWBA.

Thank you to co-chair **Victoria Turchetti** as well as the many volunteers; panelists Justice O'Neill Levy, Rakhi Bahadkar-Rajpaul, Vanessa C. Stoffels, and Sarah D. Efronson, as well as our moderator Deborah G. Rosenthal; and the New York City Bar Association. A special thanks to, among others, the **Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff**, Martha (Meg) Gifford, **Elizabeth A. Bryson**, and **Lisa Bauer** whose foresight, guidance, assistance and leadership remains instrumental to the program's continued success. We also extend a special thank you to **Martha Harris**, whose dedication to the success of program remains unrivaled.

Cassandra Porter is Counsel at Lowenstein Sandler LLP. Her practice focuses on the dual disciplines of privacy law and corporate restructuring. She is a co-chair of the annual summer program.



Annual Summer Program (con't.)



NYWBA is proud to sponsor
Benchmark Women in Litigation Forum
Convene Times Square
810 7th Avenue, NYC
Tuesday, September 20, 2016
For more information, email
registrations@benchmarklitigation.com

Renew Your Membership for 2016-2017!
If you have already renewed, THANK YOU!
The NYWBA fiscal year is June 1 to May 31. Be sure to renew your membership and enjoy all NYWBA benefits, including FREE NYWBA CLE PROGRAMS (which more than pays for the cost of membership), our award-winning Mentoring Circles, networking events and Committee meetings, access to the "Members Only" sections of our website, access to our Newsletters online, and other benefits.
Save paper & mailing costs, and expedite your renewal by using our secure online membership form at <http://membership.nywba.org>. You can also email Executive Director Karen Lu (ED@nywba.org) to confirm your member status or request a paper membership form by email.

**NYWBA Reproductive Rights Committee
CLE Program**
**"The State of the Uterus:
An Update on Roe v. Wade"**
featuring distinguished speakers
Brigitte Amiri, Esq.
Bethany Sousa, Esq.
Elena Lavarreda
Brynn Weinstein, Esq.
Date: September 29, 2016, 6:00 PM
Place: Blank Rome LLP, 405 Lexington Ave., NYC
CLE: 1.5 Professional Practice CLE Credits
(CLE accreditation pending in accordance with the requirements of the NYS CLE Board.)
Cost: FREE - NYWBA Members
\$50 - Non-Members*
(Full and partial scholarships based on financial need are available. For info and to apply, contact CLE Co-Chairs **Amy B. Goldsmith** or **Ariel Chesler** at CLE@nywba.org or 212-216-1135. All requests are confidential.)
Info: Email ReproductiveRights@nywba.org
RSVP: <http://archive.nywba.org/ReproductiveRights>



*cordially invite you to
a Cocktail Reception to kick off*

ANNUAL COURTHOUSE ALERT

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Appellate Division, Second Department

45 Monroe Place

Brooklyn, New York 11201

RSVP at <http://bit.ly/2b3Hamk>

Wine and Cheese Tasting/Networking Night Aysha's Fashion Showroom

Please join the NYWBA for wine and cheese tasting at the Aysha clothing workshop and showroom. At the event, we will taste seven wines produced by **Hudson Chatham Winery** and sample an assortment of Hudson Valley artisanal cheeses. Sample and learn about the various wines and cheeses while mingling with friends and colleagues and browsing Aysha's clothing collection. Sign up soon for this unique networking opportunity! *Space is limited.*

Date: *Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 6:00-8:00 p.m.*

Place: *Aysha, 109 West 37th Street, Suite 301, NYC*

Cost: *\$35 for members and guests*

RSVP: <http://archive.nywba.org/WineTastingRSVP>

Info: *Email Events@nywba.org*

New York Women's Bar Association

is proud to be a co-sponsor of the

New York Shape the Law Conference

Wellness + Wealth + Wisdom, An Unconference for Women Lawyers is a half-day event where we will be exploring the many questions, challenges, and opportunities of being a woman lawyer.

NYWBA members will receive a 10% discount when they register. Early bird registration ends on September 1, 2016.

Date: *Friday, October 28, 2016*

Time: *12:30 p.m.*

Place: *Seyfarth Shaw, LLP*

620 8th Avenue, NYC

Cost: *NYWBA members use code NYWBA for a 10% discount*

Info: *For more information and registration, go to <http://newyorkshapethelaw.splashthat.com>*

NYWBA Litigation Committee

presents

A CYBER BREACH PRIMER: Cybersecurity, Cyber Governance, And Cyber Insurance: What Clients Need to Know

Presented by:

*Nicole Joy Leibman and Joseph B. Shumofsky
Sills, Cummis & Gross*

Date: *Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 6:00-7:30 PM*

Place: *Sills, Cummis & Gross*

101 Park Ave., 28th Floor, NYC

CLE: *One Credit Pending*

Cost: *Free - Members** / \$35 - Non-members****

RSVP: *Litigationchairs@nywba.org*

**CLE:* NYWBA is a founding chapter of the WBASNY, an accredited CLE provider. Approval of CLE credit is pending in accordance with the requirements of the NYS CLE Board for the above-listed credit hours for established attorneys and as transitional credit hours for newly admitted attorneys.

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

****Financial Hardship Scholarships:* Full and partial scholarships based on financial need are available. For info on the guidelines and to apply, contact CLE Chairs Amy. B. Goldsmith and Ariel D. Chesleter at CLE@nywba.org or 212-216-1135. All requests are confidential



The NYWBA will participate in this year's **Bike MS**, and we are hoping you'll join our team for the 30 mile bike ride around Manhattan on **October 23, 2016!**

Bike MS is much more than a physically challenging bike ride for cyclists of all levels—it's a really fun experience.

As you may know, multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. Symptoms range from blurred vision, loss of balance, poor coordination, slurred speech, tremors, numbness, extreme fatigue, problems with memory and concentration, paralysis, blindness and more. MS is different for everyone, and that makes it all the more challenging to solve.

So please, join our team and help us reach our fundraising goal. It's our chance do something that matters and have a great time doing it. Let's ride!

To join our team go to: <http://bit.ly/2bg4L87>

A million thanks!

NYWBA Cycle Team

NYWBA 2016-2017 Committee Chairs Meeting



Martha E. ("Meg") Gifford, past President of NYWBA & WBASNY, and Co-Founder of the NYWBA Summer Program, with **Claire P. Gutekunst**, NYWBA member and new President of the New York State Bar Association, at the WBASNY Convention reception on Friday, June 2, 2016. Later that evening, Ms. Gifford was presented with WBASNY's **Joan L. Ellenbogen Founders' Award** during the WBASNY Awards Dinner.



Are You In A Mentoring Circle?

Mentoring Circles allow members at all stages of their careers to join with their peers to foster their personal and professional development. All members benefit from direct mentoring as they share ideas for meeting challenges in their careers and personal lives in a supportive and encouraging environment.

New circles are being formed. If you would like to participate in a Circle, please email MentoringCircles@nywba.org. Only current members may join.

Email Executive Director Karen Lu (ED@nywba.org) to confirm your membership status.

Save The Date!
NYWBA Mentoring Circles Reception
October 27, 2016

Additional details to follow.

NYWBA wishes to acknowledge the generous gift from
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Her financial bequest has helped to underwrite the cost of this Newsletter and many of our CLE programs.

NYWBA's Matrimonial & Family Law Committee
is hosting a

Meet & Greet Reception
for attorneys, referees and judges to kick off the year!

Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. We will be announcing the fall programs being presented by the matrimonial committee, as well as taking topic ideas from the Bar before we finalize the spring program schedule.

- Date:** *Wednesday, September 7, 2016*
- Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Place:** 156 Fifth Avenue, Suite 303, NYC
- RSVP:** Email reception@brmatlaw.com by **Sept. 5**
Advanced registration is required. Space limited to 50 attendees.

Reception Dinner for WBASNY Board, Delegates & Committee Members and Chapter Representatives

hosted by the New York Chapter of WBASNY

Join the New York Women's Bar Association Board and members in welcoming to Manhattan the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY) and the Chapter Presidents, Delegates & Committee representatives at this Reception Dinner on the evening before the WBASNY Board & Committee meetings scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2016.

- Date:** *Friday, September 23, 2016, 6:15 PM*
- Place:** *Sinigual, 640 Third Avenue, NYC*
- Menu:** Dinner includes 1 glass of sangria or soft drink, guacamole and chips, salad, and an assortment of enchiladas, tacos and quesadillas.
- Cost:** *\$60*
- Invitees:** Invitees include: WBASNY Officers, WBASNY Committee Chairs & WBASNY Executive Director; Chapter Presidents; Chapter Delegates, and Chapter Committee Representatives who will be attending the WBASNY Board Meeting on Saturday; and WBASNY Past Presidents.
 – Note 1: *If you are not on this list but wish to attend, send a note to WBASNYManhattanDinner@nywba.org to inquire about waiting list availability.*
 – Note 2: *NYWBA Board members and Committee Chairs who are not planning to attend the WBASNY Board Meeting are also welcome, but please be sure to RSVP.*
- RSVP:** **By September 16, 2016** at <http://bit.ly/1UOxbV9>
- Info:** Email WBASNYManhattanDinner@nywba.org if you have questions or need additional information.

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

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