



NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARCH 2020

I want to thank each and every one of our renewing and new members—there are over 660 of you and we are incredibly proud of you. We are aware that you have options—the option to join another bar association; the option not to join any bar association for that matter. We know that many attorneys are opting to join only one bar association, if any. That over 660 of you chose us, NYWBA, is amazing. We are grateful. We will not disappoint.



Virginia A. LoPreto

I recently met with our hard-working committee chairs and we are ramping up our CLE and other programs. Check out the calendar and you will see that this month, which is *Women's History Month*, we are presenting a cutting-edge CLE entitled: ***Lifting the Ban on Surrogacy in New York State***. Special thanks to our ***Reproduction Rights and Women's Health Committee***. Our ***Committee to Advance the Status of Women in the Profession*** is hosting: ***Women at the Forefront - A Women's History Month Panel***.

And there is more to come. Several of our committee chairs have volunteered to find fun venues, like rooftop bars, for us to spend some time together in a relaxed atmosphere at the end of a long day. It is essential that we find ways to clear our heads, meet with friends and promote our overall well-being. And doing that with your NYWBA members is what we want to make happen. It is all well and good for us to offer free CLE credits, and have committee meetings with speakers addressing new laws, legislation and the like in the many substantive law areas we cover. But at the end of the day, we want to unwind, shoot the breeze and maybe throw an axe or two!

This point was recently driven home for me at least at our ***Annual Judicial Reception*** on February 25, 2020. Each year we hold this event to honor the newly elected, newly re-elected and newly appointed judges in New York County. It is our association's way of thanking these won-

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*The New York Women's Bar Association
and Frankfurt Kurnit Klein + Selz, P.C.*

present

***The NYWBA Annual Membership
Meeting, Elections
and Ethics CLE Program***

Please join us at the Annual Meeting.

Mingle with members, get updates on the Association and vote on the NYWBA and WBASNY Officers, Directors and Delegates for next year. This is one of the highlights of our year, and we hope that you will join in the festivities!

Following the Annual Meeting, a panel of distinguished ethics attorneys will present an ethics CLE program.

Date **Wednesday, April 21, 2020**

Time 5:30 p.m. – Registration & Networking
6:00 p.m. – Annual Meeting & Elections
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Ethics CLE Program

Place **Frankfurt Kurnit Klein + Selz, PC**
28 Liberty Street, 35th Floor, NYC

Additional details to be announced.

***NYWBA's 2020 Annual Awards
and Installation Dinner***

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Three Sixty°
Tribeca, New York

President's Message (Continued from Page 1)

derful men and women who are dedicated to public service. Over 100 members attended and I am sure every one of them will tell you that it was a terrific evening: good food and wine, lots of talking and laughing and no speeches! There was the temptation to use the event to draw attention to the apparent demise of the rule of law in Washington, D.C. and the "impartial administration of justice in connection with the prosecution of Roger Stone" according to the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. But I resisted—and a fun night was had by all.

There is a need, place, and time for bemoaning the course of legal matters and to that end we are adding an "Opinion" page to our newsletter. We have a voice, and at this point over 600 of them. So let's hear them. See below for more information.

Virginia



Your Opinion Matters

NYWBA is seeking monthly opinions on legal matters. Please send your op-ed piece to opinions@nywba.org.

Justice Rosalyn H. Richter Receives the NYSBA Ruth G. Schapiro Award on January 31, 2020



(l. to r.): WBASNY Past President Rachel Kretser, Susan L. Bender, Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy, Hon. Rosalyn H. Richter, NYWBA President Virginia A. LoPreto, and NYWBA Past President Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann

NYWBA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

At its January 10, 2020 meeting, the *NYWBA Committee on Nominations* nominated the following candidates to serve for the positions and terms stated below. The elections will be held at the Association's Annual Membership Meeting on **April 21, 2020**. (See *meeting notice*, page 3.)

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Virginia A. LoPreto and Deborah G. Rosenthal.*

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NEW MEMBER OF NYWBA ADVISORY COUNCIL (eff. 6/1/2020)

Michael W. Appelbaum

NOTICE TO MEMBERS – ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

The NYWBA Annual Membership Meeting will be held on April 21, 2020, when the President & Treasurer will present reports on the state of the NYWBA and its finances, and the Association will hold elections. (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 those 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 31st** 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 NYWBA offices or directorships to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Such petition must be *received* by no later than **March 12, 2020** and must be addressed to Corresponding Secretary **Melissa Ephron-Mandel**, c/o New York Women's Bar Association, P. O. Box 1207, New York, New York 10150.



NYWBA President Virginia LoPreto and NYWBA Director Hon. Laura E. Drager at Judge Drager's retirement celebration on February 12, 2020

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Civil Courts Committee welcomes the **Hon. Anthony Cannataro**, Administrative Judge of the Civil Court, New York County, for a presentation on the topic of the Proposed Court Consolidation/Simplification on **March 10** at 1:00 p.m. All NYWBA members welcome. Location: NY County Civil Courthouse, 111 Centre Street, 8th Floor Boardroom. RSVP civilcourtschairs@nywba.org.

Litigation Committee meeting on **March 12** at 6:00 p.m. Location and topic TBD. RSVP litigationchairs@nywba.org.

Criminal Law Committee will meet on **March 16** at 6:15 p.m. Location: NY County Defender Services, 100 William St., 20th floor, NYC. *Special Guests:* Diversion Initiatives Representatives from Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice. For more info and to RSVP email CrimLawChairs@nywba.org.

Programs and Events Committee meeting to be held at Kirkland & Ellis, 601 Lexington Ave., NYC on **March 25** at 6:00 p.m. RSVP and ID are required for admission into the building. To RSVP email events@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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NYWBA Events Committee is "Dressed to Kill" Touring the Met

By Elizabeth Larrauri Chamulak

The morning of Saturday, November 16, 2019, was the start of a chilly day. However, the chill did not keep the **NYWBA Events Committee** and friends from meeting at the Metropolitan Museum of Art for the "Dressed to Kill" Tour to celebrate the love of history and fashion. The tour, designed and personally guided by **Professor Andrew Lear**, the founder of Shady Ladies Tours, was a colorful and informative two-hour trek through the museum's various rooms covering a wide array of empires, cultures, traditions and standards of beauty throughout the centuries.

Professor Lear commenced the tour in the Ancient Greek galleries with an examination of the glass jars, jewelry, decorative boxes, jugs and compact mirror holders. I will admit to never giving much thought to the actual decorative designs on these exhibit pieces; however, many of the items depicted scenes of women beautifying themselves (with the assistance of servants/slaves, which seemed to be a common theme). Home-made ointments, perfumes, and make-up (which were in many cases likely lethal) were the main objects ancient Greek women and men used to live up to their time period's standard of beauty.

The Imperial Roman busts in the Egyptian galleries, brass heads in the Nigerian galleries, jewelry in the Ancient Americas, Africa and Antarctica wing and paintings in the 16th/17th Century all evidenced the various standards of beauty in regards to hair (length, amount, facial), clothing (color, fabric, style) and body distortions (colorings, distended ear lobes, neck rings and flat heads). Even in ancient times, keeping up with society's view of beauty could be harmful and deadly.

Professor Lear continued onto the European collections of the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Powdered wigs, white cotton t-shirts, spritz baths, cod pieces, corsets, hoop skirts, puffy sleeves, henna, and men's tights were all seen as fashionable displays of wealth. The Renaissance era celebrated women's plump bodies as beautiful. A view of Marie Antoinette's court found courtesans and royalty dressed alike in gold clothes, high powdered wigs and bear grease makeup. The tour concluded in the 18th and 19th century wing, displaying Empress Josephine's influence on women's fashion with empire waists, plain cloth and tights.

"Dressed to Kill" displayed that throughout the ages, what is considered beautiful and fashionable is not only defined by sexiness or physical attractiveness. As the old saying goes, "beauty is in the eye of the beholder," which was clearly evidenced during the tour.

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Broadway Night Featuring an Evening at "Come From Away"

By Elizabeth Larrauri Chamulak

The **NYWBA Events Committee** sponsored one of its periodic Broadway Night evenings on November 21, 2019. Our group went to see the musical, *Come From Away*, at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre. The musical is a Canadian production created in 2012. It opened on Broadway on March 12, 2017. In October 2018 it became the longest running Canadian show on Broadway. *Come From Away* was nominated at the 71st Tony Awards for seven awards, including Best Musical, Best Original Score, Best Book of a Musical, and won for Best Direction of a Musical (Christopher Ashley).

If you do not know what the musical is about going in, once it is revealed, it is a gut punch of emotions. *Come From Away* is the remarkable true story of the people of Gander, a small town in Newfoundland, and the Canadian Operation Yellow Ribbon. The events of *Come From Away* begin on September 11, 2001 and continue for the week following the attacks. Immediately following the attacks on September 11th, air traffic to the United States was diverted and U.S. air space was closed to commercial planes. Canada assisted in the redirection of the U.S. air traffic by opening its airports to those planes. Thirty-eight planes carrying nearly seven thousand passengers were directed to Gander. The story continues with the people of Gander opening their collective arms to welcome, house and feed the stranded visitors.

Focus was given to real life individuals such as Beverley Bass, a pilot for American Airlines who was the first female captain at the airline. The musical number, "Me and the Sky" was based on her life story. Hannah, a mother who could not contact her son, a fireman with FDNY, was left fearing the worst in "I Am Here". Romance blossomed for one pair of passengers who met under the difficult circumstances (update: that pair, Nick and Diane Marson, are married and still visit Gander), while another couple's relationship imploded under the strain. Throughout that week, the charming folks of Gander shared their homes and hearts with the airplane passengers and crews who were made honorary Newfoundlanders at a local bar. The show ends with a ten-year reunion of the passengers who return to Gander to celebrate the friendships they made under the saddest and darkest of circumstances.

The sets were simple and the costumes were not elaborate. The cast was small and the actors did double and triple duty throughout the show. The performance ran for over an hour and a half with no intermission (an intermission would have interrupted the emotional journey). The musical numbers were moving and heartfelt. The loud and clear message of hope and kindness was powerful, made all the more poignant because it was a true story.

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New York Women's Bar Association Foundation Conversation with Carrie Goldberg, Author, *Online Privacy Expert and Victims' Rights Lawyer* By Annie M. Ugurlayan

On November 6, 2019, the **New York Women's Bar Association Foundation (NYWBAF)** held a conversation and book signing with **Carrie Goldberg**, victims' rights lawyer in Brooklyn who litigates nationally on behalf of targets of online harassment, stalking, and sexual assault. A trailblazer in online privacy, she has been profiled in *The New Yorker*, *The Times (London)*, *Glamour*, *Jezebel*, and *The New York Post*. Ms. Goldberg's new and highly acclaimed book, *Nobody's Victim: Fighting Stalkers, Psychos, Pervs and Trolls*, was published by Penguin in August 2019.

The event was held in the stunning art gallery of the law firm Lee Anav Chung White Kim Ruger & Richter LLP. After a short reception, NYWBAF President **Gretchen Beall Schumann** welcomed the guests and introduced Carrie Goldberg and **Megan Goddard**, an employment law attorney, who led the discussion.

Ms. Goldberg explained that she was inspired to write her book not only financially (to make payroll) but also to tell the story of her unique firm, explain the pervasiveness of online sexual harassment and violence, and teach people about how to get justice if they are victims of online sexual stalking. Ms. Goldberg herself was a victim of sexual stalking and had a hard time learning how to fight back. In 2014, she decided to open her firm to help victims of online sexual harassment who felt they did not have any recourse, legal or otherwise.

Ms. Goldberg explained that online sexual harassment can start at a young age which can further complicate things. According to Ms. Goldberg, schools have a pattern of blaming children who are victims of online sexual harassment and NYC public schools have very few resources to deal with this issue -- there is only one Title IX coordinator for 1 million NYC students.

Ms. Goddard asked Ms. Goldberg about her thoughts on the #MeToo movement. Ms. Goldberg said she was wary of having clients become spokespersons for the movement or to begin litigation right away, as it can be a difficult experience. She explained that negotiation can be effective.

Ms. Goldberg also highlighted key advocacy victories to protect victims. She has worked closely with Google to ban non-consensual porn. As for her legislative work, she noted that 46 states (including NY) have laws banning non-consensual porn. Ms. Goldberg has worked to expand the statute of limitations for sexual assault in the 2nd and 3rd degrees. In addition, NY has now changed its law to make clear that in sexual assault cases, consent is not a defense if the victim is in custody.

On a personal note, Ms. Goldberg shared that prior to going to law school she worked at self-help community service agency where she helped Holocaust survivors. She said it was one of the hardest jobs, and that her reparations work inspired her to go to law school. She also noted that she admires Ronan Farrow for his work in exposing Harvey Weinstein and other high-profile perpetrators.

In closing, Ms. Goldberg stressed the importance of having compassion for victims. In an era of electronic communications, it is important to understand that people of all ages commonly send private personal pictures, never expecting them to become public. But once they are public, it is almost impossible to remove them, victimizing the person in perpetuity. Tech companies have the ability to develop tools to take down such photos. She argued that pressure on tech companies to protect victims is the only way to effectuate change.

Ms. Goldberg signed copies of her book after her talk. All in attendance were shocked by how little they knew about the pervasiveness of revenge porn and greatly appreciated learning about Ms. Goldberg's efforts to combat it. Many thanks to Judy White and Lee Anav Chung White Kim Ruger & Richter LLP for hosting the event, to NYWBAF Gretchen Schumann for donating the wine for the event, and to NYWBA member Megan Goddard for moderating.

NYWBA's Reproductive Rights & Women's Health Committee and the Committee to Advance the Status of Women present a CLE Program:

Lifting the Ban on Surrogacy in New York State

Speakers:

***Honorable Saralee Evans
Assemblywoman Amy Paulin
Alexis Cirel, Esq.***

Date: March 18, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: LoPreto + Levy, LLP

565 Fifth Avenue, 7th Floor, NYC

CLE: 2.0 (1.5 Professional Practice; 0.5 Ethics)

Cost: Free – NYWBA Members**

\$50 – Non-members

Info: If you have any questions, please email reproductiverights@nywba.org

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*NYWBA's Children's Rights Committee
presents a CLE Program:*

***Resist, Refuse, Reject...Rehabilitate?
Part 1: A View from the Bench***

Speakers:
Jacob Maeroff, Esq.
Jo Ann Douglas, Esq.
Tara Diamond, Esq.

Date: March 19, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: 60 Centre Street, Room 300
CLE: 1.0 (1:00 – 2:00)
Cost: Free – NYWBA Members**
\$50 – Non-members
Info: Email ChildrensRights@nywba.org
RSVP By March 18, 2020
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NYWBA would like to congratulate *Sanctuary for Families* on 35 years of providing service and support to families in need. On **June 3, 2020**, Sanctuary for Families will hold their annual benefit at *Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers, NYC*. To attend the event and learn more about Sanctuary for Families, please visit <https://sanctuaryforfamilies.org/event/2020annualbenefit>.

*The Solo and Small Practice Committee presents
Practice and Perfect Your Elevator Pitch*

This program will be an opportunity for you to make your “pitch” to the other members and get some constructive feedback. Remember elevator pitches are typically short (1 to 2 minutes) and should be just enough to make people want to talk to you further. *RSVP and ID are required for admission into the building.*

Date: March 19, 2020
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: **Reitler Kailas & Rosenblatt LLC**
885 Third Avenue, 20th Floor, NYC
Cost: Free
RSVP: Email ssfchairs@nywba.org

*NYWBA's Advance the Status of Women
in the Profession Committee presents:*

***Women at the Forefront
A Women's History Month Panel***

Please join us for our panel in honor of women's history month hosted by Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP and learn about the career paths of accomplished attorneys. Beverages and light snacks will be served.

Speakers:
Sheila Boston, Esq., Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP
Hon. E. Grace Park, New York County Civil Court
Desireé C. Hernandez, Esq., Safe Passage Project

Date March 26, 2020
Time 6:30 p.m.
Place **Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP**
787 Seventh Avenue, NYC
Cost FREE
RSVP Email advancestatuswomen@gmail.com

*NYWBA's Children's Rights Committee
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***Resist, Refuse, Reject...Rehabilitate?
Part 2: A View from the Bench***

Speakers:
Bernice Schaul, Ph.D.
Jo Ann Douglas, Esq.
Tara Diamond, Esq.

Date: March 26, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: 60 Centre Street, Room 300
CLE: 1.0 (1:00 – 2:00)
Cost: Free – NYWBA Members**
\$50 – Non-members
Info: Email ChildrensRights@nywba.org
RSVP By March 25, 2020 <https://bit.ly/38Mh98r>

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