Rick Roberts to Take Reins at Annual Dinner

A ttorney Anthony M. Fitzgerald (Carmody & Torrance, New Haven) and renowned volunteer Louise Endel will be honored for their contributions to the New Haven legal and general community at the NHCBA’s Annual Dinner on Wednesday, September 30, 2009.

A wards will be given to these and other honored guests at the NHCBA’s annual meeting and dinner at Laurel View Country Club in Hamden. The centerpiece of this celebration will be the presentation of the NHCBA’s awards, which recognize excellence in the practice of law, professionalism and community impact.

The event will begin with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. However, the flow of the evening will change this year! A buffet dinner will be served from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at which time a 45 minute program will be held, covering association business, the installation of officers and the award presentations. At 8:15 p.m. a dessert buffet and special dessert coffee bar will open for everyone. The change is meant to encourage attendees to stay after dinner, mingle and enjoy the evening with each other.

The program features the installation of the new NHCBA officers. Richard A. Roberts (Nuzzo & Roberts, LLC) will succeed Jane I. Milas (Garcia & Milas) as President, with Charles P. Reed (Loughlin FitzGerald, P.C.) as President-Elect, as Irene Jacobs (Jacobs & Jacobs) as Treasurer, Sung-Ho Hwang (Law Offices of Sung-Ho Hwang) as Secretary, Robert C. Hinton (Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP) as Assistant Secretary, and Howard K. Levine (Carmody & Torrance) as Assistant Treasurer.

Also recognized will be Vincent Cervoni (Gesmonde, Pietrosimone & Sgrignari), incoming

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scenes from the summer outing

Enjoying the afternoon are Dick Jacobs (l) with Judge Howard Zoarski, and Lizz Acee, Chris Nelson (c) and Josh Hecht. See page 7 for story and more photos.

RSVP now - Golf Tournament, Monday, September 14
President's Column

Why Did You Go to Law School

by Jane I. Milas

As I write this column we are in the thick of graduation season. While it has been many years since I was a member of the graduating class of anything, the months of May and June still cause my thoughts to return to those graduation days—the excitement, hope, maybe relief mixed with the uncertainty of the unknown, but above all, the sense of the possibilities ahead.

I hope that graduates today still have that anticipation of the possibilities ahead. I worry that the economic downturn, and the media fixation on layoffs, foreclosures, government bailouts, 401k plans turning into 201k plans, and leading economic indicators of doom and gloom, will squelch the dreams and idealism of newly-minted graduates.

There is no question that we are living in challenging economic times. The New Haven County Bar Association—like many bar associations across the country—has been many, looking for ways to offer low cost or no cost CLE programs on relevant issues. One example of this effort is the 2009 recession recovery teleconference series the NHCBA is offering in partnership with the ABA on practical tips and strategies for dealing with the current economy and job market. In early May the task force held an open forum to gather suggestions, ideas and concerns from members to help the task force as it looks at what else we can and should be doing in this economic environment. The NHCBA is expanding its vendor partner relationships in order to offer more services and benefits to NHCBA members. These are just a few of the many and coordinated efforts being undertaken by the NHCBA to be responsive to member needs and to be relevant to today’s legal climate.

Yet in the midst of our very real need to be aware of and address the professional stresses we face as lawyers, there is an equally compelling reason for all of us to remind ourselves why we went to law school in the first place and to put ourselves back in the position—at least for a minute—of that proud law school graduate, diploma in hand, posing for the requisite cap-and-gown picture with classmates. My guess is doing to assist our members and to consider ways we can be of even more service in addressing the economic stresses affecting the practice of law for our members. We are looking for ways to offer low cost or no cost CLE programs on relevant issues. One example of this effort is the 2009 recession recovery teleconference series the NHCBA is offering in partnership with the ABA on practical tips and strategies for dealing with the current economy and job market. In early May the task force held an open forum to gather suggestions, ideas and concerns from members to help the task force as it looks at what else we can and should be doing in this economic environment. The NHCBA is expanding its vendor partner relationships in order to offer more services and benefits to NHCBA members. These are just a few of the many and coordinated efforts being undertaken by the NHCBA to be responsive to member needs and to be relevant to today’s legal climate.

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Editor’s Column

The Joy of Work

by Jonathan J. Einhorn

“I’m in charge here” (Jeffrey, not Gen. Alexander Haig). It was lucrative for all three, although when Kyle made the mistake of hitting on a local young lady, her boyfriend put cement in his gas tank (a used Peugeot I received from a client as a fee). My step-daughter worked as a waitress at Friendly’s during a year in high school, which exposed them to the exigencies of real life; shootings, muggings, robberies,
NHCBA News Briefs

by Carolyn B. Witt

NHCBA OFFICE WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER
The NHCBA is delighted to welcome Ms. Nagu Kent to the staff of the bar! Nagu will be the NHCBA’s website and public relations coordinator as well as staff liaison to the Newsletter and CLE Committees, Young Lawyers Section, and the new pilot Mentoring Program. She joins us after working in the corporate world doing various marketing activities. Nagu will be in the office on a part-time basis: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am-3 pm, and Wednesdays from 9:30 am-1 pm. Please make her feel welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE AS COURT-APPOINTED TRUSTEES
Both the Statewide Grievance Committee and Superior Court occasionally contact the NHCBA for assistance in locating attorneys who would be willing to be appointed by the court pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-64 to serve as a “Trustee” in instances in which an attorney has died or has been suspended, disbarred, placed on inactive status, or resigned from the bar. At the request of New Haven JD Administrative Judge Linda Lager, and to assist the Grievance Committee, the NHCBA is once again updating its list of attorneys who would be willing to be appointed.

The duties of a “trustee” include preparing an inventory of client files, notifying clients, adverse parties, other counsel, and the appropriate courts of the attorney’s situation, and preparing an accounting of the attorney’s office and client funds’ accounts. The trustee is not required to undertake the representation of the attorney’s clients or file an appearance on behalf of the attorney’s clients. If you would be interested in volunteering your time, please contact Executive Director Carolyn Witt at the NHCBA office (562-9652 or cwitt@newhavenbar.org).

NEW “FIGHT NOTARIO FRAUD” WEBSITE LAUNCHED
Unethical “notarios” or “immigration consultants,” who engage in the unauthorized practice of law and deceive consumers about their training and qualifications, have become an increasingly serious problem in immigrant communities throughout the United States. To help combat this problem, the American Bar Association Commission on Immigration has launched a website as a valuable resource for attorneys as well as victims of notario fraud: www.fightnotariofraud.org.

NHCBA IN PILOT CLE PROGRAM
This past Spring and Summer the NHCBA participated in a teleconference pilot program with the American Bar Association and offered free educational programs featuring nationally renowned speakers targeted toward office and practice management. Several NHCBA members took advantage of this program (the teleconferences were available at the NHCBA office generally at lunchtime); the ABA served about 5,000 attorneys during the series. The ABA recently thanked all of its local, state and national bar partners for making the program a success. The NHCBA will continue its participation in this program when it is next offered.

The Family Law Committee hosted a breakfast reception on July 30, 2009 to say farewell to departing Presiding Judge Cynthia K. Swienton and Judge Richard E. Burke. Sitting in the photo surrounded by family lawyers are (L-R) Judges Denise D. Markle, Swienton and Burke.
More than one attorney has told me over the years that one of the good things about being a lawyer is that you can take time off whenever you want. You can control your own time. You know, you can leave early in the afternoon to catch one of your kids’ ball games. You can wander off late in the morning and get a haircut.

Except for being caught in the middle of court obligations, that’s pretty much true. So you can go out on a sunny afternoon and join a bunch of guys in ties watching little Johnny trying to take two and hit to right. Or wander into the Okeh Barber Shop at 11:00 am and wait for fifteen minutes while some other barrister gets his ears lowered. No, not bad. My father couldn’t leave his job on a weekday to do either. I can. So there really is something to it.

There are other kinds of days off, though, that have presented themselves recently which are troublesome. Products of the State’s budget crisis, these days off, “furloughs” if you will, are not volitional but imposed from on high. The goal—granted, a worthy one—is to save money for the State’s coffers. While saving money is ok in principle, the manner in which these days off occurs causes, at least to some, a good bit of concern.

Now I was always taught that in our system of government there are three separate branches—Executive, Legislative and Judicial. And while all three are and must be inter-related, each is and must be independent. And so, when I see our Governor say there should be furloughs for prosecutors who work within the Executive Branch, and I commiserate with my hardworking, often-underpaid and minimally-raised adversaries, I acknowledge, as I must, the power of their employer, the Executive.

But Judges; now that’s another matter. When a “suggestion” comes from the Capitol that Judges should take one or more days as furloughs, I become concerned. When I see the Legislature enact a bill saying the Chief Justice may “order” judges, Constitutional Officers mind you, to take furloughs, my concern grows. And when I see Judges, especially those near time for reappointment, silently accept that “suggestion” I am uneasy. Certainly most judges, given the recent flexing of legislative muscle and the need for funding for the Judicial Department, don’t want to be pilloried by legislators at a confirmation hearing. And if I were a judge with a confirmation hearing on the horizon, I would certainly accept the Governor’s kind “suggestion.” After all, who wants to be eviscerated on C-TV by a freshman representative from East Bozrah and risk losing reappointment after 16 years of diligently trying to solve the legal problems of Connecticut’s litigants?

But, like the little boy in The Emperor’s New Clothes, somebody has to stand tall and say something. Call it for what it is: an intrusion by the Executive and the Legislature into the independence of the Judiciary. Somebody should tell both to stick it in their ears. Judges are and must be independent. If an individual judge, given the economy, believes it is beneficial, to donate one or more day’s pay to the Judicial Department or to Legal Aid or to some other worthwhile entity, he or she should feel free to do so. Voluntarily. But, Land o’Goshen, call that for what it is: a voluntary choice by an independent judicial officer.

Well, I got that off my chest. And, oh, by the way, if this applies, I don’t know about hair salons, but most barber shops are closed on Mondays or Wednesdays. And kids’ afternoon sporting events usually start at about 3:00 pm.
**March Bench-Bar Reception**

The New Haven County Bar Association held its annual Spring Bench-Bar Reception on March 26 at the New Haven Country Club. Nearly 100 attorneys and judges attended, enjoying the food, friends and comraderie.

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**Lincoln on Professionalism: A Symposium**

**Friday, October 30, 2009**

**New Haven Superior Court**

*Discourage litigation. Persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. Point out to them how the nominal winner is often the real loser – in fees, expenses and waste of time.* – Abraham Lincoln

Join the NHCBA, in partnership with the Connecticut Bar Association, for this symposium on professionalism in the practice of law, based on the writings and speeches of Abraham Lincoln.

Using documentary-style multi-media vignettes, “Lincoln on Professionalism” explores different aspects of professionalism using Lincoln’s words, those of his contemporaries, and examples from his law practice. Each vignette will be followed by a discussion among panelists, and audience participation will be encouraged.

The program will run 8:30 am-2:00 pm, ending with a luncheon and special guest speaker. Further details and costs will be posted at www.newhavenbar.org.

The *Lincoln on Professionalism* program was produced by the Atlanta Bar Association in cooperation with the Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism.

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domestic squabbles, drugs, hookers, and in general, what real people go through in the course of their lives. It was an education not offered at any college they could have attended. And they got to wear badges. Tony even managed to have a prisoner escape on him between the sallyport and the courthouse. I think the official deputies jumped him at the edge of the New Haven Green where he was buying a hot dog.

I worked construction, unloaded railroad cars filled with pigeon excrement, moved furniture within warehouses, set type for local printers, cleaned cafeteria tables, and generally learned that this was not the way I wanted to spend my life.

But hard work frees up your mind to focus on other things. And you develop an appreciation for those with real skills, either with their hands or their minds, and a sense that hard work can yield a visible result; something we cannot always say in the law.

The other benefit of exposing your children to physical work is that they happily opt to enter the world of professionalism, as mine did. Marty would be relieved to know that none of them wanted to compete with him in the world of restaurants; Frank Kinney was likely pleased that their stints as deputies were short-lived; I’m happy not to have to stick my head into a railroad car to drag out dirty boxes and fight off the pigeons.

This recession/depression may be just the thing to convince those like my daughter’s boyfriend to wash dishes while waiting for his “boat to come in”, as my father’s accountant used to say. And I like to think that if any one of my kids were laid off from their professional jobs, they’d be back to serving seafood and french fries to make ends meet.
Summer Outing 2009

The sunshine broke through the clouds late in the afternoon of Thursday, July 9, 2009 just in time to create a perfect summer evening on the shore of Long Island Sound for the 2009 Summer Outing. NHCBA members, several New Haven judges and other guests gathered at The Owenego Inn in Branford for the annual reception and dinner; some played lawn games, most people roamed and talked, and a hardy group battled it out on the volleyball court.

This is the second year the Outing was held in July in order to find better weather. Fortunately the NHCBA was once again successful. Save next year’s date! Thursday, July 10, 2010 at The Owenego Inn.

The NHCBA thanks the Summer Outing’s generous sponsors for their support of the event. An extra thank you to Citibank and ISI New England for their donations to the door prize raffle.

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**GOLD**

Marshal Robert Miller
“GOLDEN HANDSHAKE” HEARTILY ACCEPTED
State of Connecticut employees have been offered a “golden handshake” and some of us at the New Haven Superior Court Clerk’s Office have decided to grab it before we are too old and too tired to make good use of it! Among those who will be retiring as of July 1, 2009 are Administrative Assistant Joan DeGennaro, First Assistant Clerk Steve Zehalla and yours truly. This will be my last column for the NHCBA newsletter.
Joan will be off to enjoy sun and fun with her grandchildren. Steve, who will be retiring along with his wife, judges’ secretary Carmela DellaMura, is looking forward to spending many hours golfing.
As for me, the walls of my home are lined with so many books that I will not live long enough to read them all, but I will certainly try. I am also hoping to devote much more time to travel and writing.
In our absence, there will be many changes made regarding job responsibilities. Caseflow Coordinators Suzanna Mayhugh and Patricia Nielsen will take over the writing of this column and will be sure to keep you informed of all new developments. It has been a pleasure working with all of you and the NHCBA.
THANKS ARE IN ORDER
Many thanks to the NHCBA and their sponsors and all those who participated in the annual Clerk Appreciation Luncheon. As always, it was a wonderful occasion to gather with friends and colleagues away from the hustle and bustle of the courthouses. The event is always enjoyed by all.
DON’T FORGET: SHORT CALENDAR CLAIMS AND RECLAIMS MUST BE E-FILED
Effective with the short calendars dated March 16, 2009, all claims and reclaims of matters filed in e-filable cases must be e-filed. The process for doing so is outlined in the “Eservices Procedures and Technical Standards”. Paper claims and reclaims are no longer acceptable in such cases, and the two-month grace period we had been allowing you to get accustomed to the change has drawn to a close.
E-FILING ENHANCEMENT ALLOWS VIEW OF TEXTS
A recent enhancement to the e-filing program now allows one to click on an entry and view the text of the document to which it corresponds. It will no longer be necessary to call the Clerk’s Office to find out what is contained in that “mysterious” motion or objection that has appeared on the short calendar; you will be able to see it for yourself on your computer screen.
REMINDER RE: FORECLOSURE COMMITTEE APPEARANCES ARE INDIVIDUAL
Please be reminded that if you are appointed a Committee in a foreclosure action, you must use your personal juris number when filing your appearance, as well as all other pleadings and motions. It is not acceptable to use the juris number of the firm with which you are associated as the firm has not received the court’s appointment. You have been appointed as an individual practitioner and everything you file must reflect this.
ADD JUDICIAL BRANCH WEBSITE TO “FAVORITES”
We urge you, if you are not already doing so, to become a regular visitor to the Judicial Branch website (www.jud.ct.gov).
In addition to being the source for forms, standing orders and other procedural materials, it provides a wealth of information that is pertinent to a practicing attorney. The website is regularly updated, so it is a good idea to visit it at least once a week just for the purpose of exploring changes and additions.
OPEN THE FLOODGATES
I’m happy to report that we are once again accepting resumes from attorneys and law students who are interested in serving as Temporary Assistant Clerks. TACs who are law school graduates receive $15.00 per hour and those who are attending law school receive $13.00 per hour. State pension and health care benefits may also be available.
If you know of someone who would benefit from serving as a TAC, please contact Deputy Chief Clerk Alice Bruno at (203) 503-6813 to inquire about the current availability of positions.
WHILE WE’RE ON THE SUBJECT...
We would like to remind you that many of our Temporary Assistant Clerks are seeking positions in the private sector. If you are thinking of taking on an associate or looking for someone to assist you on a part-time basis, we may have just the person on our staff who would be well suited to your practice. Why not contact Chief Clerk Bill Sadek or Deputy Chief Clerks Lou Fagnani and Alice Bruno for some suggestions?

THANK YOU!
The NHCBA Newsletter Committee and staff extend their thanks to LISA GRECO for her years of participation, contributions to and columns for Marble Columns. We wish her a very happy retirement and many years of relaxation and fun.

Coming in October!
Probate Bench-Bar Reception
Thursday, October 29
The Graduate Club
5:30 pm–7:30 pm
Hosted by the Trusts, Estates and Probate Committee. Come network with colleagues and meet and greet many of the Greater New Haven area’s probate judges.
Generously sponsored by Fidelity Investments and Guilford Savings Bank.
Upcoming Fall CLE Seminars

Program is being finalized at press time, please check our website for updates.

**Thursday, September 24**
**Making the Most of the New Small Business Administration Programs**
with Robert Polito (Webster Bank) and Andrew Lubin, Esq. (Neubert, Pepe, & Monteith)

**Thursday, October 1**
**Leveraging the Internet to Grow Your Practice in a Down Economy**
Hosted by LexisNexis; Lunch seminar 12:30-2:00 pm

**TBA**
**Housing: Beyond the Basics**
with Noble Allen, Esq. (Hinckley, Allen, & Snyder) and David Schancupp, Esq. (Law office of David E. Schancupp)

**TBA**
**Technology Basics for Solos & Small Firms**
with Joseph Nardi (Protected Tech)

**TBA**
**Cash Management for Attorneys**
Hosted by Citibank

**TBA**
**Understanding Network Security**
with Joseph Nardi (Protected Tech)

**TBA**
**Committee for Sale**

Cost for each seminar is $55 members, $85 non-members.
Seminars held at New Haven Superior Court from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
For details on these and other programs, visit www.newhavenbar.org.

The NHCBA has past CLE handouts for sale!

Be sure to check our website for the list of offerings.
Generally cost is $20 plus postage.
Call the office at 203-562-9652 or email NHCBAinfo@newhavenbar.org for further details.
that most of us went to law school because we wanted to make a difference, even if we didn't exactly know what that phrase meant, and we believed that the profession of law would provide us with that opportunity.

Dennis Archer, Past President of the ABA, spoke these words that I think are as appropriate for seasoned lawyers as for new graduates:

In the practice of your profession, remember why you went to law school and recognize your obligations:

• Cherish the majesty of the law and the freedoms we have;
• Promote pro bono activities and the representation of the less privileged;
• Be dedicated to examining the law and improving the delivery of justice;
• Be a voice to help shape and improve the law for the public;
• Practice with professionalism and professional courtesy to your fellow lawyer and to the courts;
• At all times be conscious of your image and the imagery of the profession;
• Recognize and embrace your leadership role in our society and fulfill that commitment honorably.

Let's not allow a challenging economy to overshadow that sense of making a difference in the lives of our clients, and in our community, through our work as lawyers.

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Mark Your Calendars!
Dates have changed.
ANNUAL DINNER
Wednesday, September 30
HOLIDAY PARTY
Wednesday, December 2

Carter Mario Injury Lawyers sponsored a 3rd Annual Essay Contest in May that awarded eight $500 scholarships to area high school seniors who were graduating and attending college in the fall. The topic this year was “Arrive Alive,” concerning drinking and driving and the prom. Pictured is Carter Mario (center) with the award recipients and guests.

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She specializes in personal injury cases, but also treats a variety of different illnesses. Dr. Altieri offers second biomechanical evaluation, an impairment rating upon patients meeting Maximal Medical Improvement, and opinions concerning further conservative care prior to medical release and/or settlement.

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A funny thing happened on my way to the courtroom: I wasn’t running late; in fact, I was early. And being right in front of City Hall, and it being a gorgeous day outside, I decided to linger for a bit and read the inscription on the Amistad monument—a sculpture I’ve passed many times, but to which I never really gave much thought.

The inscription that flowed around the three sides of the monument was written with a triumphant vagueness found on most memorials. Being the cynic that I am, I mistrusted the reality as portrayed in the inscription. At the same time, I already knew enough about the Amistad case to know that my interest in it was now piqued and wanted to find out the real scoop on it.

Sengbe Pieh was portrayed on the relief, and he stood as the central character in the Amistad story. Known more by his colloquial name, “Cinque”, he lead the mutiny on the ship when he picked his and his fellow captives’ irons open with a nail he pulled from the ship’s decking. The captives-turned-mutineers killed the captain and the cook, leaving only two crewmen who were ordered to chart a course back to Sierra Leone—no one else on the ship knew how to sail. The two crewmen, knowing what fate would befall them should they reach Africa, quietly turned the boat back around each night. This zero-net gain course zig-zagged the ship from near Cuba to Long Island, thanks to the northern-going Gulf Stream and Atlantic Trade Winds.

At Long Island, the Coast Guard discovered, boarded, and commandeered the ship, bringing it back under the grasp of law and convention.

While awaiting trial, it became apparent to all that Cinque was clearly the leader of the fifty or so slaves that were aboard the Amistad. And he was a curiosity—so much so that the prison guard started to charge people for a view of him through a peep hole at the New Haven County Jail.

However, not too much is known about Cinque. And the things that are “known” came from his courtroom testimony that was coached not only by his attorney, but by those from the abolition movement who were using him as their poster boy. Leaving aside the questions pertaining to the accuracy of his words, Cinque is something of an enigma.

Cinque farmed rice to support his wife and three children. His father was the village “headman” and Cinque had the connection, charisma, and desire to succeed him. But debt pulled Cinque into slavery when his creditor—the chief from a neighboring tribe—called the note with Cinque unable to pay. Now bound and shackled aboard the Amistad, Cinque heard from the cook that he and his fellow captives would be someone’s dinner entrée upon arrival in Cuba. Cinque resolved to escape.

The circuit court dismissed the criminal charges against the mutineers and the Supreme Court denied the salvage suits claiming the slaves as their property. The Africans were now free to return home—and they did, after a stay in Farmington while the American Missionary Association facilitated their voyage to Africa.

There are many accounts of what happened to Cinque. Some say that he learned his family was either killed or sold into slavery by other tribes and wandered a dejected man. Others claim that once he landed on the Sierra Leone shores, he cut ties with the American Missionary Association (which had founded a mission there), renounced Christianity, and became a wealthy slave trader. Others say he started a new family elsewhere. Some say he returned to the mission in his old age to be buried.

Some accounts depict Cinque as a reprehensible opportunist. Others maintain his good intentions. Likewise, I think it’s fair to say that some groups and people were genuinely concerned for Cinque while others used him for their own agenda. No one this side of the grave really knows the truth.

I still don’t completely buy the history portrayed on the Amistad monument as fully accurate. However, it’s not so much the raw history that seems to matter to succeeding generations, but what is remembered by pop culture—turning history almost into a form of secular mythology. And so on this monument, Cinque’s image is much less about him as a man, but more about a rare underdog triumph of human spirit and dignity over societal norms that did not recognize either. And that is something I can buy.
Thank You to DESK Volunteers  
April 2008 through May 2009

NHCBA members, staff and friends continue to serve dinners at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen two evenings a month, on the fourth Monday and the fourth Thursday. Bill Aseltyne of the NHCBA Public Service Committee coordinates the scheduling of NHCBA volunteers. (Contact bill.aseltyne@ynhh.org for details.)

The NHCBA and its Public Service Committee wish to acknowledge and thank the following members, as well as their family and friends, who so generously gave of their time to serve dinner at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen from April 2008 through May 2009. 😊

### April 23, 2008

**WIGGIN & DANA**  
Linda Abbott • Kathy Cohen  
Toni Fucci  
Sheila Hall  
Alex Thibideau

### April 27, 2008

**NEW HAVEN LEGAL ASSISTANCE**  
Vicki Acker  
Jane Grossman and spouse Jon Kupson  
Pat Kaplan and spouse Mickey Graham

### May 22, 2008

**QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL**

May 26, 2008  
Christian McNamara

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### April 24, 2008

**GARCIA & MILAS**

Fred Hedberg  
Steve Kolodziak  
Kings Kostaniak  
Tony Leone  
Nicole Liguori Makkich  
Jane Milas  
Jim Regan

### June 26, 2008

**WIGGIN & DANA**

Linda Abbott • Kathy Cohen  
Joe Merschman  
Pat Raucci  
Reene Stancyzk  
Paul Tobin  
Tahlia Townsend

### July 24, 2008

**GESMONDE, PIETROSIOME & GSRIGNARI**  
Tracy Fucci • Sheila Hall  
Susan Nobleman  
Frank Pietrosimone  
Kathryn Pietrosimone  
Carol Senerca  
Matthew Swinkin  
Alex Thibideau

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### August 25, 2008

**WIGGIN & DANA**  
Linda Abbott • Kathy Cohen  
Toni Fucci  
Sheila Hall  
Alex Thibideau

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### August 28, 2008

**NEW HAVEN YOUNG LAWYERS**  
Mathew Gaul, Carmody & Torrance

Tanya Gaul, CT Superior Court  
Li Fei Linott, Carmody & Torrance  
Gregory Podolak, Saxe, Doernberger & Vita  
Sherwin Yoder, Carmody & Torrance

### September 22, 2008

**WIGGIN & DANA**  
Robert Barbieri  
Jona Kim  
Kim Marcantonio  
Christian McNamara  
Patrick Nevins  
Pat Raucci

### October 23, 2008

**NEW HAVEN LEGAL ASSISTANCE**  
Vicki Acker  
Jane Grossman and spouse Joe Kupson  
Pat Kaplan and spouse Ian Scott

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### August 25, 2008

**LITTLE MENDELSOHN**

Christian McNamara  
Patricia Raucci • Lynne Slavin

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### January 22, 2009

**WIGGIN & DANA**

Linda Abbott • Kathy Cohen  
Toni Fucci  
Sheila Hall  
Alex Thibideau

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### January 26, 2009

**WIGGIN & DANA**  
An Lofron  
Christian McNamara  
Mike Pyc  
Lynne Slavin  
Jane Vollono

### February 23, 2009

**WIGGIN & DANA**  
Leona Delore  
Matthew Doherty  
Tracy Doherty  
Amos Friedland  
Mikhadia Friedland  
Christian McNamara  
David Viscuso  
Louis Viscuso

### March 23, 2009

**BRENNER, SALTZMAN & WALLMAN**  
Paua Cewe  
Michael Dekaik, Loughlin Fitzgerald  
Danielle Ewerts  
Carolyn Kone  
Sue Simonne  
Rebecca Sutton  
June 26, 2009  
Pictured (L-R) are: Paula Cewe, Sue Simone, Jessie Simone, Rebecca Sutton, and Attorney Michael Dekaik (Loughlin Fitzgerald). Danielle Ewerts and Attorney Carolyn Kone also served.

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**New Haven Young Lawyers**  
Christian McNamara

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**June 23, 2008**

**WIGGIN & DANA**  
Linda Abbott • Kathy Cohen  
Joe Merschman  
Pat Raucci  
Reene Stancyzk  
Paul Tobin  
Tahlia Townsend

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**July 24, 2008**

**GESMONDE, PIETROSIOME & GSRIGNARI**  
Tracy Fucci • Sheila Hall  
Susan Nobleman  
Frank Pietrosimone  
Kathryn Pietrosimone  
Carol Senerca  
Matthew Swinkin  
Alex Thibideau

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**August 28, 2008**

**NEW HAVEN YOUNG LAWYERS**  
Mathew Gaul, Carmody & Torrance

Tanya Gaul, CT Superior Court  
Li Fei Linott, Carmody & Torrance  
Gregory Podolak, Saxe, Doernberger & Vita  
Sherwin Yoder, Carmody & Torrance

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**September 22, 2008**

**WIGGIN & DANA**  
Robert Barbieri  
Jona Kim  
Kim Marcantonio  
Christian McNamara  
Patrick Nevins  
Pat Raucci

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**October 23, 2008**

**NEW HAVEN LEGAL ASSISTANCE**  
Vicki Acker  
Jane Grossman and spouse Joe Kupson  
Pat Kaplan and spouse Ian Scott

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**November 24, 2008**

**WIGGIN & DANA**  
Cathy Anderson  
Tracy Doherty • Ana Lofron  
Christian McNamara  
Joseph Merschman  
Jane Vollono • Amy Winnick

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**December 22, 2008**

**WIGGIN & DANA**  
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Toni Fucci  
Sheila Hall  
Alex Thibideau

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**January 22, 2009**

**LITTLE MENDELSOHN**  
Christian McNamara  
Patricia Raucci • Lynne Slavin

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**February 23, 2009**

**WIGGIN & DANA**  
Leona Delore  
Matthew Doherty  
Tracy Doherty  
Amos Friedland  
Mikhadia Friedland  
Christian McNamara  
David Viscuso  
Louis Viscuso

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**March 23, 2009**

**BRENNER, SALTZMAN & WALLMAN**  
Paua Cewe  
Michael Dekaik, Loughlin Fitzgerald  
Danielle Ewerts  
Carolyn Kone  
Sue Simonne  
Rebecca Sutton  
June 26, 2009  
Pictured (L-R) are: Paula Cewe, Sue Simone, Jessie Simone, Rebecca Sutton, and Attorney Michael Dekaik (Loughlin Fitzgerald). Danielle Ewerts and Attorney Carolyn Kone also served.

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**April 23, 2009**

**BERCHEM, MOSES & DEVLIN**  
Marla Deleo  
Jennifer Jasensky  
Joanne Motarty  
Matt Sapienza  
Michelle Walsh

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**April 27, 2009**

**WIGGIN & DANA**  
Jenny Chou  
Bety Ju  
Christian McNamara  
Louis Viscuso

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**May 25, 2009**

**WIGGIN & DANA**  
Matthew Doherty  
Tracy Doherty  
Sofa Doherty  
Danielle McNamara  
Christian McNamara

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**May 28, 2009**

**NYHH**  
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Pat and Jerry Fiorentino  
Donna Jersey  
Lisa Rickovicic  
Daniel Ewerts from Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman  
Patrick Noonan from Donahue, Durham & Noonan
LEAP Students Visit the New Haven Courts

by Martha Messier

The NHCBA’s Public Service Committee Tri-Chair Andy Lubin (Neubert, Pepe & Monteith), with the assistance of CBA Court Visit Liaison Sean Fisher (Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman), coordinated a tour for LEAP students to New Haven’s Superior Court and GA 23 on April 20, 2009.

LEAP students from eighth, ninth and tenth grades were treated to a tour of GA 23, with stories provided by ASA Devant Joiner and Public Defender Brian Salmon. The students were escorted through the GA lock-up by Judicial Marshal Keith Kelly. Mr. Kelly and other marshals talked about what they do and how they do it. The students were allowed to be in an actual cell.

The students were then escorted to the JD, where Judge Angela Robinson gave them a very inspiring talk about their bright futures, and encouraged them to stay in school and make good choices.

Finally, the students were able to attend a guilty plea hearing in front of Judge Richard Damiani on an assault with a deadly weapon charge.

The morning was capped off with a pizza party lunch provided by the NHCBA’s Public Service Committee.

Public Service Committee Helps Habitat For Humanity

NHCBA volunteers worked on two houses, 18 & 23 Wilson Street in New Haven, for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Carolyn Kone, Tri-Chair of the Public Service Committee, coordinated the work day. Jennifer Chittick, Alison Weir, Kathy Cohen, and Linda Abbott, all from Wiggin and Dana, and Carolyn Kone from Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman helped two families finish their homes.

“We moved rocks, cleaned up the site and cleaned out basements,” said Carolyn. “The families were very grateful, and the ribbon cutting for the houses was May 16. It was great fun!”

Law Day with LEAP
April 3, 2009

NHCBA attorneys met with high school and college aged students involved with LEAP (Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership) on April 3, 2009 as an early Law Day activity. Matt Corcoran, Chris Nelson and Stacey Pitcher talked about what being a lawyer is like, shared stories from cases in which they had participated, and answered questions. NHCBA activities with LEAP are coordinated by the Public Service Committee, of which Corcoran is a member.

John C. Daniels School Mock Trial

Bill Aseltyne, VP and General Counsel at YNHH and NHCBA Public Service Committee Member, coordinated the 3rd annual John C. Daniels Mock Trial held May 29th. The Honorable Antonio Robaina presided over the event which was held at the New Haven Federal Courthouse.

Participating NHCBA member volunteers were:

- Megan Gaffney, Yale New Haven Hospital
- Lynn Granatie, Wiggins & Dana
- Robert C. Hinton, Hinckley, Allen Snyder
- Carolyn Kone, Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman
- Andrew Lubin, Neubert, Pepe & Monteith
- Patrick Noonan, Donahue, Durham & Noonan,
- Stephen Rosenberg, Littler Mendelson
- Stuart Warner, Yale New Haven Hospital

Thanks to everyone who volunteered!
Ice Skating for Charity

The NHCBF hosted a “Sunday Skate Fest” fundraiser at the Ralph Walker Ice Skating Rink in New Haven on March 22, 2009. The event was geared towards families and featured a skating demonstration by local professional Jenna Adams, who, after her stunning performance, then stayed and helped kids improve their skating techniques. A pizza party rounded out the afternoon of fun. Kudos to Chair Cheryl Juniewic and her committee for organizing the activity.

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Hot Summer Nights
by Andrew S. Knott

For the fifth summer in a row, and second for this particular party, the New Haven County Bar Foundation held its “Hot Summer Nights” fundraiser on the patio at Geronimo’s in New Haven where attendees enjoyed drink specials and food donated by the Southwestern-themed restaurant.

Despite a milder showing than last year, this year’s event raised more money than before. And with “breaking even” being considered the new “ahead” in fundraising circles, the night truly can be considered a success. Contributing to the benefit were donations made by NHCBF board members for the door prize and silent auction activities, which included a weekend stay at a Thimble Island cottage, a wine basket, an “A-Rod” autographed baseball, and photography. The evening raised nearly $5,000, and planning for next year’s event is in the works.

NHCBF President’s Column
Thank You for a Successful Year
by Maria Chiarelli

As the outgoing president of the New Haven County Bar Foundation, thank you for allowing me to lead the organization through a successful year — even in difficult economic times. On behalf of the NHCBF’s Board of Directors, we greatly appreciate the generous response to our Annual Appeal for 2009, which enables the Foundation to support our charitable endeavors. Have not donated yet? We will continue to accept your charitable donations to the “Annual Appeal” campaign through the end of the year.

The Foundation provides for those in need in the New Haven County community by way of grants that support programs impacting primarily the delivery of legal services, but also other community support including children’s programs and homeless shelters.

Fundraising activities include social, collegial events which provide a great atmosphere for New Haven County attorneys to connect in a meaningful and fun manner and raise funds to promote our public service mission.

Our events this year that provided fun along with good fundraising included the 11th Annual Snowball Charity Softball Tournament held at the Connecticut Sportsplex in North Branford last November 19th; our “Sunday Skate Fest” family ice skating event at the Ralph Walker Rink in New Haven on March 22nd; the boisterous “County Bar Cabaret” variety show April 23rd at the Elk’s Lodge in New Haven; and “Hot Summer Nights,” the last fundraiser during my presidency, generously hosted by Geronimo’s in New Haven on July 30, 2009.

All events, including our Annual Appeal, have served to generate funding for all beneficiaries of the Bar Foundation, most notably New Haven Home Recovery and its local homeless shelters and the NHCBGA’s Public Service Committee’s community outreach projects, especially working with LEAP.

I would like to express a heartfelt “thank you” to all of the NHCBF Board members, as well as members of the Executive Committee of the NHCBGA, for all of their support and assistance this year. I am truly appreciative of all of the members and staff of the NHCBGA who have provided me with a great amount of support to succeed this year. I also wish Attorney Vincent Cervoni the best success in his role as the 2009-2010 President of the NHCBF.

Please continue to support the Bar Foundation and its role of conveying to the public the message that “Lawyers Care.”

The NHCBF would like to thank the following sponsors of the party: Carmody & Torrance, The Chiarelli Law Firm, Law Offices of Neil R. Crane, Law Office of Sung-Ho Hwang, the Law Offices of Cheryl A. Juniewic, New Haven Young Lawyers, Nuzzo & Roberts, Stratton Faxon, and Attorney Andrew S. White. We would also like to thank the following people for their in-kind donations: Geronimo’s, Andrew Knott, Roger Calistro, Pat Kaplan, Cheryl Juniewic, Jane Milas, June Gold, Maria Chiarelli, Andrew Knott, Cheryl Heffernan, and GraphLogic, Inc.
In March VINCENT LIBERTI, JR. joined Pepe & Hazard LLP as a partner in the Firm’s Wealth Preservation Group, bringing more than 15 years experience from his own firm in Cheshire and Orange. Berchem, Moses & Devlin is pleased to announce that SHELBY L. WILSON has joined the firm as an associate. STEVEN P. FLOMAN is pleased to announce that ALLISON M. DEPAOLA and BERNARD J. KITO, III have joined him in the practice of law at Cantor Floman, 378 Boston Post Road, Orange. STEPHANIE L. SGAMBATI is pleased to announce the relocation of her offices to 65 Trumbull Street, 1st Floor, New Haven, CT 06510. Tel. (203) 777-2323, Fax (203) 773-3902, e-mail sgambati@sgambatilaw.com Jacobs, Grudberg, Belt, Dow & Katz P.C. is very pleased to announce that JOSEPH J. PACKTOR has become a principal of the firm. RUTH BEARDSLEY has opened a solo law practice with an emphasis on equine law at 820 Litchfield Tpke, Bethany, 06524. Telephone/fax (203) 393-3253, e-mail ruthbeardsley@comcast.net.

The Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools will be hosting the Archbishop’s Third Annual Columbus Day Breakfast to benefit children in Catholic elementary schools in the Greater New Haven area. It will be held at Anthony’s Ocean View in New Haven on Friday, October 9, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. If you would like further information, Attorney Albert A. Annunziata is a member of the organizing committee and he can be reached at (203) 787-1102.

**Congratulations to**
GERALD H. COOPER, who received the Community Mediation 2009 Award for Excellence in Mediation on June 4, 2009.
FRANCIS J. BRADY (Murtha Cullina LLP) as the new president of the Connecticut Bar Association, as well as to New Haven’s own BRAD GALLANT (Day Pitney) and SUNG-HO HWANG (Law Office of Sung-Ho Hwang), who were recently installed as CBA vice president and treasurer, respectively.

PATRICIA KAPLAN, who received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Quinnipiac School of Law on May 10, 2009.
MARTIN J. BURNS, an associate in the New Haven office of Murtha Cullina LLP, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (DESK), a non-profit organization that provides free, nutritious meals for homeless individuals, families, and the working and non-working poor of the Greater New Haven area.

**Babies...Babies...Babies**
On March 18, 2009, RACHEL REINGOLD MANDEL, her husband Ernest Mandel, and first son Joseph welcomed baby Gabriel Moses Mandel, who weighed 7 lbs 14 oz.
TANYA AND MATTHEW GAUL became the proud parents of a little boy on June 23rd. Mom, Dad and Baby William are doing great!

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As my term as president of New Haven Young Lawyers (“NHYL”) comes to a close at the end of July, I look back and realize we had a good year! NHYL helped raise thousands of dollars for worthy causes such as the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen and New Haven Legal Assistance Association, organized educational events, set up successful Facebook and MySpace pages, and threw several popular networking events.

As with any great organization, NHYL is consistently comprised of many driven and accomplished professionals. This year was no exception. President-Elect Stacy Votto was instrumental in planning and organizing many of this year’s events despite having more on her plate than any of us. We all have to balance a stressful full-time job with our NHYL obligations, but Stacy also had to balance pregnancy and giving birth to a beautiful baby girl. She handled it all superbly. I’m leaving NHYL in great hands!

Treasurer Chris Nelson is no slouch either. Chris stepped up big this year, as always, and was the man behind several of our most successful events. Notably, he organized the kick-off event for the NHLAA donation drive, which had a huge turn-out, and was the driving force behind getting NHYL members involved in a softball charity event and summer league.

Secretary Patrick Hughes played a vital role in planning our events and was responsible for making our annual U.S. Marines Toys for Tots drive an unbelievable success despite the poor economy. Pat is a great guy and will play an important role in NHYL for years to come.

And then there’s Joshua Hecht, our CBA-YLS Liaison as well as Events Co-Chair. Along with admirably representing NHYL at CBA-YLS meetings and helping to organize and promote our events with snazzy flyers and web pages, Josh is the king of young professional networking events. He has connections with almost all the hot spots in New Haven and always manages to get us the best food and drink specials. Moreover, his events consistently break attendance records, sometimes nearing 100 attendees.

There are also a couple NHYL leadership “newbies” that deserve special recognition. Gregory Podolak and Tanya Gaul, our Public Service Co-Chairs, did a tremendous job raising money for the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen this year. Their combined effort raised thousands of dollars at a few events, including a comedy show fundraiser last November that was a big hit. Tanya and Greg both deserve a lot of credit. Greg is also heavily involved with the NHCBA’s Public Service Committee and organized one of our successful meet-and-greet lunches. Moreover, because of all his hard work, he will be next year’s NHYL CBA-YLS Liaison. Congratulations, Greg!

Finally, I have to thank NHCBA Executive Director Carrie Witt and her staff for always providing us with so much support and making sure that our events run smoothly. You’re the best, Carrie.

I will miss NHYL. My involvement in this dynamic group is responsible for greatly expanding my network, vastly improving my public speaking and leadership skills, and allowing me to meet wonderful people, some of whom have become close friends. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

And to all bar members eligible to join NHYL: do it! It’s worth the time and effort.

Young Lawyers President’s Column
All Good Things Must End
by Todd J. Richardson

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LRS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS
LRS is pleased to welcome Linda Neale Monaco (Monaco Law, LLC in East Haven), David Parnoff (Sette & Parnoff, PC in Hamden) and Maurice Maitland (Law Office of Maurice Maitland in Ansonia) as participating LRS attorneys.

If you are interested in joining LRS or volunteering for an outreach project, call Martha at 203-562-9652 or e-mail her at mmessier@newhavenbar.org. LRS attorney participation applications are available for downloading from www.newhavenbar.org. Join anytime.

“ASK A LAWYER” NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
ASK A LAWYER is an ongoing community outreach project which has sessions scheduled monthly at local libraries in New Haven, Branford and Northford for 2009. Attorneys are needed to help staff these 1-1/2 hour sessions during which individuals are given free 10 - 15 minute consultations. The current schedule through 2009 is posted on the NHCBA’s home page, www.newhavenbar.org. For more information or to participate, please contact Martha.

LRS COMMUNITY MAILING
In an ongoing effort to increase public awareness of the LRS, information and service brochures was mailed in April to over 600 state, city & town agencies, courts, libraries, schools, churches, synagogues, hospitals and businesses.

Interested in joining LRS or volunteering for an outreach project? Call Martha at 203-562-9652 or e-mail her at mmessier@newhavenbar.org. LRS attorney participation applications are available for downloading from www.newhavenbar.org. Join anytime!
“County Bar Cabaret!” Sizzled

The 4th annual “County Bar Cabaret!” was held April 23, 2009 at The Elk’s Lodge in New Haven. This charity variety show is not only a fundraiser for the grant programs of the New Haven County Bar Foundation, but also a fun way for members to show off their talents. A gangster theme was used to make the event more festive, and it included temporary body tattoos by Ezia Leach.

Many thanks to the Cabaret Organizing Committee of Andrew Knott (Chair), Maria Chiarelli, June Gold, Cheryl Heffernan, Cheryl Juniewic, Carrie Witt (who also directed), and Kim Zarra; to Andrew Rubenoff for his lighting design; and to Jennifer Redman at GraphLogic for donated graphic design.

The NHCBF extends its thanks to Cabaret sponsors True Debt Relief (Branford) and Sinoway, McEnery, Messey & Sullivan P.C., as well as to food donor Carmen Anthony’s Restaurant, New Haven.  

Clockwise: Kim Zarra with her “bullet hole” body paint; (L-R) Judge Jon Silbert, Phil Kent, Judge Brian Fischer and Joe Merrihew, all actors in various skits; Rick Roberts, who performed a comedy routine, with singer Loni Gardner; and the “Mahna Mahna” girls dancing away – Cheryl Heffernan, Bethany Appleby, Cheryl Juniewic, and Maria Chiarelli.

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