Help the Northwest Suburban Bar Association give local needy families something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving in the Second Annual NWSBA Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Distribution.

Last year the Northwest Suburban Bar Association made a huge difference for over 100 hungry families by giving them a warm turkey dinner on Thanksgiving during the worst pandemic in our lifetimes. While people were suffering from unemployment, health issues and a lockdown, the NWSBA helped local community members by providing a fresh hot meal for their families. The NWSBA exceeded its goal of feeding 100 families and fed a total of 110 needy families in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago. This year our Community Outreach Committee’s goal is to top last year’s result and help more needy families during this pandemic.

Please help the Northwest Suburban Bar Association and Northwest Compass feed our local at risk community on this exceptionally hard Thanksgiving. For $50 you can provide a warm turkey, piping hot stuffing, refreshing cranberry sauce and other fresh, delectable dishes for a needy family of four in our local community. All the money raised will go directly to local at risk Northwest Chicago community members.

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Brian Freiman
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As we embark on the holiday season, I sat back and reflected upon the purpose of Thanksgiving and giving back to our community. I thought to myself, would I have a fulfilling Thanksgiving without contributing to those who are less fortunate? The simple answer is no. I then thought about ways I can give back to my community and thought back to 2020. At the height of COVID, then President, Gary Newland, created a new committee called the Charity Committee. Our association partnered with not-for-profit organizations to spearhead a turkey and dinner drive for those who are less fortunate. During the winter, our association put together a coat drive for families who cannot afford warm winter clothes and a toy drive for kids who otherwise would not have toys for the holidays. Brian Freiman is the committee chair for this important committee and puts his heart and soul into volunteering his time and effort to help those in need. We are proud of the work he does at the NWSBA and we will continue to support his efforts. As an association of over 500 members, we have the strength in numbers to be able to support families in need this holiday season. I personally will be able to enjoy my Thanksgiving dinner knowing that I have contributed to helping families less fortunate than mine.

As the holiday season is quickly upon us, I am excited to share that on December 8, 2021, the NWSBA will host our annual holiday party at Maggiano’s in Schaumburg, Illinois. Our awards committee: Tja Chiapelli, Debbie Cohen, Matt Fakhoury and myself, spoke to members of the community to nominate deserving candidates within the community for their hard work and commitment to the bar association. Our nominating committee agreed that the honorable Judge Joseph Cataldo will receive the “Scales of Justice” award and retired Honorable Judge Sam Amirante will receive the “Lifetime Achievement” award. Throughout their respective careers, both awardees exhibited compassion, hard work and humbleness while serving our legal community. It was an honor, as President of our association, to inform both of our awardees that we will be gathering to celebrate them on December 8, 2021. If you have not done so, please rsvp to help celebrate their achievements.

Finally, from my family to yours, have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

With Gratitude,
President Moe Ahmad
Once our courts open again, we hope that you will consider volunteering for one or more of the services listed below.

**Court Facilitator**
The Court Facilitator program is unique to the Third Municipal District. The NWSBA provides volunteers on Thursdays from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM to assist the Domestic Relations judges. Dates are scheduled by the Association staff through use of a Sign Up Genius web site.

**Paternity Court Facilitator**
Paternity Court Facilitators volunteer on Thursdays from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM to assist the Paternity Call. Dates are scheduled by the Association staff through use of a Sign Up Genius web site.

**Pro Bono Desk**
The Pro Bono Desk, located in Room 251 in the Rolling Meadows Courthouse, is a volunteer service provided by members of the Northwest Suburban Bar Association. It is a free service to members of our community.

Attorneys serving at the pro bono desk are available to answer legal questions members of the general public may have. While the attorneys serving at the pro bono desk will try to answer your questions to the best of their ability, understand the attorney(s) serving that day may not have expertise in the legal area for which you have a question. The attorney(s) serving the pro bono desk are there to provide legal advice, but are not there to represent the general public on a pro bono basis (free of charge) and therefore do not represent you in any way in the matter for which you may be seeking advice. However, since you are seeking legal advice, your communications with the attorney(s) are subject to attorney-client privilege. Those visiting the pro bono desk are limited to 5-15 minutes in length, depending on the number of others waiting.

Volunteers are needed at the Third District Courthouse every Friday from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Volunteer dates are scheduled by the Association staff through use of a Sign Up Genius website.

**LINK TO SIGN UP GENIUS:**
A link to the volunteer sign up can be found on the Home Page of our website under the “Member Dashboard” tab. If you are a member and are not receiving volunteer emails from Sign Up Genius, please call the Association office at 847-621-2378.

Again, thank you for your service,
Pro Bono Committee
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Coats for Clients

Attention: All Courthouse Departments

The Northwest Suburban Bar Association is partnering with Northwest Compass Inc to help all the clients who are cold this winter.

There are coats, hats, gloves and hats free and available for anyone who needs one to keep warm.

If you have anyone who comes to the Rolling Meadows Courthouse and they need a warm coat please send them to the Public Defender’s Office to get one of the available coats, hats, gloves and other warm clothes for free.

If you know anyone who needs additional help please ask them to call Northwest Compass at 847-392-2344 or at info@northwestcompass.org
Since the weather is turning cold in Chicagoland it is time to make sure everyone in our District 3 community has warm winter clothes. To help our local community the Northwest Suburban Bar Association’s Outreach Committee has stocked up on coats, gloves, hats and other warm clothes in the Public Defender’s Office for the “Coats for Clients Program”.

The “Coats for Clients” flyer, seen on the adjacent page, is available to download or print from the NWSBA website or via the link provided in the Weekly Updates. Feel free to distribute this to the various departments in the courthouse or to your friends and colleagues, directing anyone in need to the Public Defender’s Office.

Stay tuned for future communications regarding our Annual Holiday Toy Drive.

If anyone has something they need please feel free to email me at: Freimanlaw@gmail.com
December 1, 2021
1:00 pm - 3:15 pm

NWSBA Webinar

Free to members in good standing.

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This program is appropriate for ALL LEVELS.

Mohammad Ahmad, President of the NWSBA

“Ethical Trial Practice in the Digital Age”

“Ethical E-Discovery”
Jim Fine

“Ethical Remote Trial Practice”
Panel discussion moderated by Marie Sarantakis, featuring Christine Svenson, Tanya Witt & Megan Toca-Shore

An accomplished attorney and legal scholar will discuss the nuances of e-discovery, including the ethical pitfalls involved. The speaker will address best practices and effective methods of conducting discovery through electronic means. The program will also involve a panel discussion regarding ethical problems related to practicing in a remote world. This seminar will be two hours and will be presented at a basic level for attendees.

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Live entertainment will be provided during the cocktail hour by the Windy City Rev Ups

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2021 HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, December 2, 2021, 5:00 pm—8:00 pm
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Questions? Please contact Rebecca Zeilenga, 847-749-0101 Rebecca@Zeilengalaw.com
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Michael Lightfoot is an attorney with the Law Offices of Michael J. Lightfoot P.C. He concentrates his practice as a Corporate Transparency Act Advisor, Business & Technology Lawyer, with a focus on the CTA’s Implications to Small and Medium Sized Business Clients, Intellectual Property, Software & Technology Licensing Matters. Mr. Lightfoot has 25+ years of business technology law experience and 100’s of successful client outcomes. He is a former Assistant State’s Attorney in DuPage County, In-house counsel for Allstate Insurance, Motorola and currently practices in Lake County, Illinois and over the Internet.

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Mohammad Ahmad, President of the NWSBA
Members in the News


#LunchAndLearnWithGeo: Due to Geo’s trial schedule over the next two months, nothing will be scheduled until January. George Bellas has been running these series of webinars to introduce lawyers to the use of tech in the practice. Plans are to continue in January with topics like: Social Media Evidence, Blockchain Tech, Law Office Security, Text Message Discovery, and Wellness for Lawyers.

If any members have a topic they would like to present, please contact George.

Condolences

It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we share the news that our friend and colleague Joshua Nesser passed away on Friday, October 29. Many of you may have worked with Josh over the years and if you knew him, you know what an amazing person he was. Not only an incredible attorney but a friend to all. Most importantly, Josh was a loving, dedicated father of three and a loving husband to his wife, Jill.

Our sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the Nesser family.

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