NWSBA Hosts Town Hall Forum for Secretary of State Candidates

On Wednesday, April 6, 2022 the NWSBA was host to a “Meet the Illinois Secretary of State Candidates” forum which featured Alexi Giannoulias, Former Treasurer of Illinois; Dan Brady, Illinois State Representative of the 105th Legislative District and David Moore, Chicago Alderman, 17th Ward.

NWSBA President, Mohammad Ahmad hosted the event which was moderated by George Bellas. Each candidate was allowed 10 minutes to present an overview of their background and what their vision and platform is for the Secretary of State’s office. The segment was then followed by a brief question and answer period.

The Town Hall Meeting was the first in what President Moe Ahmad hopes will be many in the future. “I want to thank those who participated in our first NWSBA Town Hall forum. My goal as president of the Association is to give our members local and state politicians which include judges and anyone seeking public, elected office to have a non-partisan platform to address and reach out to our membership and the community at large.”

For anyone wishing to view a recording of the event, please visit the NWSBA YouTube channel by searching “Northwest Suburban Bar Association” or by going to our website at:

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On May 11th, 2022, the NWSBA resumed its annual Judges’ Night tradition. Due to the pandemic, Judges’ Night had been cancelled the past two years. As current president, I wanted to ensure that former presidents, Mimi Cooper and Gary Newland, had an opportunity to introduce their awardees, Judge Steven Wagner and Judge Martin Agran. I had the privilege of introducing this year’s awardee, Judge Samuel Betar III with the Public Service Award. With over 300 people in attendance, the red-carpet event was classy, fun, and engaging. We also awarded one law student and two college students with the Honorable Timothy C. Evans Scholarship award. A special thank you for the efforts of the Judges’ Night committee, our executive director, the MCs’ and sponsors.

Judges’ Night was one of the last major events under my presidency. I am honored to say that for the first time, in many years, we hosted a sold-out Judge’s Night event. It was my goal from the day I was sworn in as President to make sure that our events not only provided a way to network with colleagues, but were fun, engaging, and fruitful in raising money for the association. It was also my mission to bring everyone together, letting every member know that they are valued by the association. Membership appreciation should be at the forefront of all our current and future leaders’ minds. One of my priorities was to forge a strong bond between our judiciary, the private bar, states attorney’s office and the public defender’s office. I worked tirelessly to encourage members to get involved and engage in our events, ultimately uplifting the spirits our legal community during these trying times.

Furthermore, it is extremely important for me to acknowledge and give a special thank you to our past presidents. This Association was built on their hard work and leadership throughout the years. I am proud to say that I made a solid effort to recognize them, keep them engaged, and show them the appreciation that they deserve. It was my intention to bridge the gap between the rich traditions of our Association, while finding new and innovative ways of rebranding our organization. There were many challenges that I faced along the way; fortunately, we were able to reopen the Association in a safe and prosperous manner.

In sum, I hope that every member of our third district family can be proud of what we have accomplished together this year. From the bottom of my heart, I want to express my gratitude to all our members and those in leadership positions for your continued support of my vision for the future of our beloved bar Association.

Very Truly yours,
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.

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**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.

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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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Mark your calendars for June 23, 2022 for Installation of this year’s officers and board members. The event will take place at Makray Golf Course with more details to follow.

The NWSBA’s second annual Membership Appreciation Picnic is currently being planned. The event will once again be family friendly and encompass food, drinks, and entertainment and games for the children. Mark your calendars for August 27, 2022 with more details to follow.

Congratulations to Caroline Glennon and Kyle Korkus as the newest members of the NWSBA and to Debjani Desai, Michele A. Gemskie, Michael Pattarozzi, Krista S. Peterson, Smith Spencer, Aldina Vulic as government/retired members.
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