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To maintain the honor and dignity of the profession of law, to cultivate social discourse among its members, and to increase its significance in promoting the due administration of Justice.



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Legislative Chambers, Onondaga County Courthouse

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CNY Philanthropy Center, 2nd Floor Ballroom

Bench and Bar Buffet - April 10th
CNY Philanthropy Center, 2nd Floor Ballroom

Earth Day Event - April 19th
Marriott Syracuse Downtown Committee Room

Law Day - May 1st
Syracuse University College of Law, Dineen Hall

Elder Law Fair - May 16th
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Letter from the PRESIDENT



In my last Column, I made the mistake of challenging Mother Nature by anticipating an early Spring. Three Nor'easters later, I have been reminded by more than one of you that I put a jinx on this Spring. I sincerely apologize! Given that we are in the Northeast, I should have relied on the more traditional May Day Celebration of Spring on May 1st.

In addition to, hopefully, celebrating Spring on May 1st, the Onondaga County Bar Foundation will be celebrating Law Day on May 1st. The national theme for this year is "Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom." Given the times we are living in and the headlines we see each day, it is a timely and intriguing topic. As we all know, the Framers of the Constitution were very concerned with the power that could be yielded by a national government and they chose to divide that power into three branches: Executive, Legislative and Judicial. The sharing of power was intended to be a check on each branch. In Federalist 51, James Madison explained "ambition must be made to counteract ambition." The hope was that the more any branch attempted to extend its power, the other branches would resist. The end result would be the preservation of our liberty and rights. Has that worked? Opinions differ greatly. Law Day provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the foundation of our Constitution and its impact today.

This year I am very pleased to announce that our Law Day breakfast event will be held at the SU College of Law on May 1st commencing at 7:30 a.m. Our Keynote Speaker is Vice Dean Keith J. Bybee. If your schedule permits and you want to fulfill your new CLE requirement this year, a FREE 1-hour CLE will be held immediately after the Law Day Program. The topic is Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias and will be taught by Suzette Melendez, Esq., the Director of the Children's Rights and Family Law Clinic at the Law School. Click [here](#) for more information.

In the past year or so, I have been extremely pleased by the improved and open relationship between our Bar Association and the College of Law. This stems directly from Dean Craig Boise and his symbiotic view of the relationship between the Law School, its students and the practicing local Bar. More and more lawyers are participating in Law School programs, competitions and activities. The professional and social interaction has been extremely positive and beneficial to all. I particularly enjoy engaging with Law Students. Their inquisitive outlook and interest reminds me why I have devoted my life to this profession. It makes me feel a lot better about our future.

Please consider attending this year's Law Day Event at the Law School, especially if you have not had the opportunity to visit the new College of Law. Parking is FREE out back in the Stadium Lot for this event. You will be impressed!

President, James P. Murphy

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BENCH & BAR BUFFET

FREE
EVENT!

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

CNY Philanthropy Center, 2nd Floor Ballroom

431 East Fayette Street, Syracuse, NY 13202

Noon to 1:15 p.m. (doors open at 11:45 a.m.)

Please register at www.onbar.org

Pavone's Pizza will be served!

Lunch is free, but the information provided is priceless.

Please join us for the Bench and Bar Buffet! This casual luncheon is a social initiative of OCBA's Bench and Bar Section. These lunchtime get-togethers will be held on a quarterly basis offering interaction and discourse between the judiciary and attorneys to share important information and practical updates on court practices and procedures.

Guest Speakers:

Hon. Martha E. Mulroy & Hon. Martha Walsh Hood



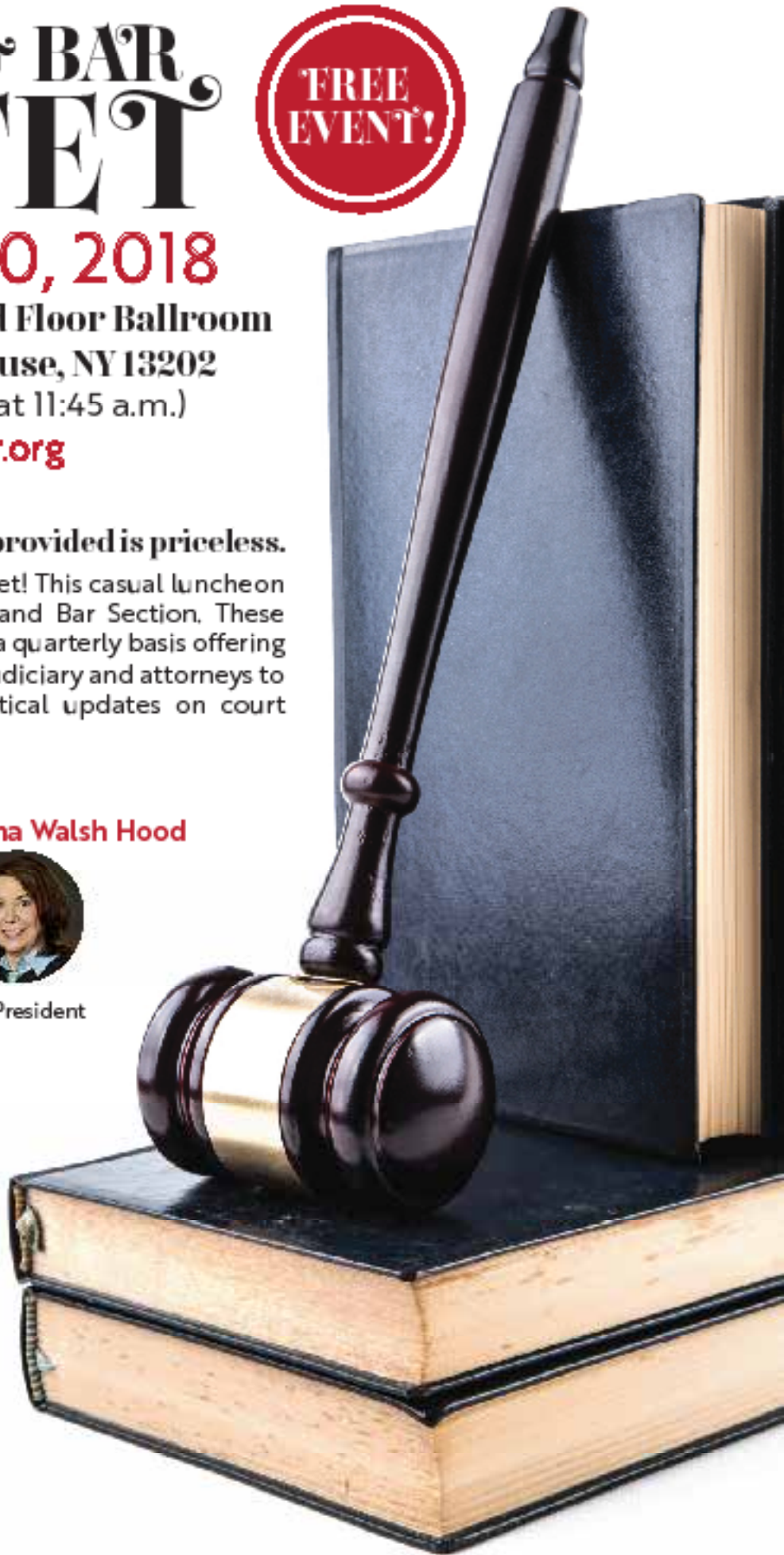
Moderated By: Bryn Lovejoy-Grinnell, CNYWBA President

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More information to follow!



PROBLEM SOLVERS UNITE!

BY: CARRIE CHANTLER

LAWYERS HAVE SPECIAL POWERS.

A lawyer's strength manifests in the ability to analyze points of law, categorize persons and places, recognize subtlety and deduce complexities. Many are well spoken; eloquence only adds to their mastery.

"Lawyers have super powers," claimed Reta Raymond, Staff Attorney with Legal Services of Central New York.

At the outset of a March 26th Central New York Immigration Coalition meeting, Raymond talked about why attorneys should

apply their skills to the organization.

Her light-hearted tone belied her real point, she said, which was that lawyers most often "use their powers for good."

"It's a great way to learn about various issues going on in immigrant communities," Raymond said.

Attorneys, like Raymond, who direct their solution wizardry toward the CNYIC mission find themselves working shoulder to shoulder with non-attorneys who are also masters of their domain: Social Workers, Civil Rights Activists, Labor Organizers, and Government Officials.

Topics at these forums invariably include updates on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Act and its possible predecessor the Dream Act, but also address specific issues such as language barrier mitigation, health care options, and healthy housing advocacy.

Robert Rubinstein, staff attorney with the Hiscock Legal Aid Society, thinks CNYIC meetings have appeal to both private and public lawyers because of "how inter-connected all these issues really are."

Job loss, for example, can lead to public assistance and housing issues which may lead to custody concerns. "And immigration plays into that," Rubinstein said.

For the last year, these like-minded colleagues have joined together quarterly to advocate on the part of the CNY immigrant and refugee population, which, for a host of reasons, may find themselves in need of sufficient housing, decent working conditions, an interpreter, or simply feeling safe.

"(Meetings) provide structure and a good space to discuss the needs of the community," said Herve Comeau, Immigration Staff Attorney with the Volunteer Lawyers Project. "They put everyone in a room to try to do some planning and to work together."

ADVOCATES ACTIVATE!

Headlining the meeting was guest speaker Robert Nassau, Esq., who teaches tax law at the Syracuse University College of Law.

By virtue of Internal Revenue Service grant monies, since 2002, Nassau and his students operate the law



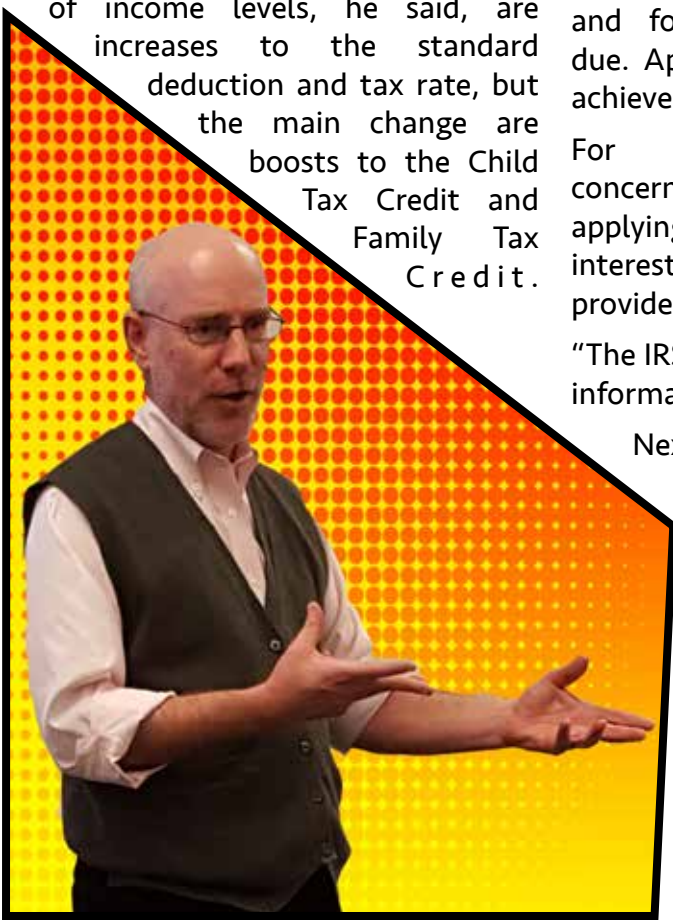


school's
Low Income
Taxpayer Clinic.

Wishing to clue-in CNYIC members of key changes to the tax bill, Nassau explained the late-2017 approval of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act means different things for different people.

"It's not good for undocumented aliens, but probably pretty good for other lower-income people," he said. "Lower income Americans will likely see more money in their pockets."

Significant to taxpayers, regardless of income levels, he said, are increases to the standard deduction and tax rate, but the main change are boosts to the Child Tax Credit and Family Tax Credit.



Previously \$1,000, the Child Tax Credit is now \$2,000 per Qualifying Child.

Nassau described how persons who don't have a Social Security number can still go about filing income taxes by virtue of an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. This number is used for federal tax reporting purposes only and is issued regardless of immigration status to assist in efficiently filing tax returns and following up on payments due. Applications for ITINs can be achieved at the SUCOL tax clinic.

For undocumented persons concerned filing a tax return or applying for an ITIN may cue the interest of law enforcement, Nassau provided assurance.

"The IRS is not allowed to share any information with anybody," he said.

Next, Fabiola Ortiz, Manager of Member Engagement with the New York Immigration Coalition, updated attendees on the push her organization is making to provide immigrants across the state with driver's licenses via the campaign Green Light New York: Driving Together.

Farmworkers who live within 100-mile radius of the border, for example, who need to get to the job, get children to school or the doctor, run errands, or exercise their independence are at risk for detainment when and if they're stopped by state troopers, border patrol agents and even park police.

"The reality is our communities are more at risk outside of New York City," she said.

BREAK-OUT GROUPS BRAINSTORM!

Education, housing, healthcare, and labor specialists break into groups to derive ideas of how to acclimate CNY's newest neighbors into their homes.

Social workers from Utica and Syracuse discussed questions they'd ask on a survey intended for teachers, parents, and students about access to translation and interpretation services.

"How can you expect people to be successful if you don't give them the building blocks to be successful," said Selma Jasencic of the Office for New Americans.

HLAS attorney Rubinstein, worked together with Barrie Gewanter,

Director of the local Commission on Human Rights, and the Peace Council's Peter Swords on introducing language access via interpreters inside doctor's offices and courtrooms.

"It's really important for people who speak different languages tell their story," said Swords. "Once people start to hear their stories things move."

Those discussing farmworkers issues sought ways to build up public awareness of the straits in which some workers find themselves related to transportation, fair wages, and housing.

John P. Steves, Assistant District Director of the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor liked what he heard in his break-out group. His organization assists "vulnerable workers," he said.

"We hear them," he said.

"It's good for us to be a part of this."



BE A HERO AND LEARN MORE!

Interested in the Central New York Immigration Coalition?

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By: Tom Griffith

What Your Estate Planning Clients Wish You Were Asking

Nearly 75% of high net worth individuals consider charity to be an important consideration in their financial and estate planning, according to a survey conducted in 2013 by U.S. Trust. This sounds like good news for charities, but the data also highlights a breakdown in action by professional advisors that can derail these good intentions. Only about half of poll respondents reported having charitable conversations with their advisors, leaving a large margin of high net worth clients with an important goal that their advisors are not helping them to meet.

Sometimes charity is overlooked during planning because clients and advisors have to overcome both factual and psychological stumbling blocks.

What keeps advisors from having this important conversation?

- **A Focus on the Technical.** Sometimes even in long-term client relationships, the advisor has not had many conversations about the client's values and charitable interests. Some advisors focus more on the technical aspects of the planning, making it hard to move into a more values-based discussion.
- **Lack of Knowledge.** Some advisors lack extensive training on charitable planning techniques. Others may have learned about charitable planning at some point, but have not used their knowledge frequently enough in practice to be comfortable starting that conversation now.
- **Hesitation to Engage Others.** Charitable planning often requires advisors to engage with the whole family rather than just their client. This may concern some advisors seeking to have clear boundaries around who they represent in those interactions.

What concerns make it difficult for your clients?

- **Fears of the Unknown.** Some clients fear they might outlive their money, causing them to hesitate in taking action. Others worry they will leave their heirs with less than they intend. In reality, when done properly, charitable gifts can be included in an estate plan without a significant (or any) reduction to what is received by heirs.
- **Loss of Control.** Clients sometimes have uncertainty about the nonprofits they want to support. They do not want to choose to support an organization and then be unable to change it if their interests change.
- **Family Complexity.** Each client has a unique family dynamic. This can sometime lead to difficulty holding a fruitful conversation with families about giving.

Family wealth and legacy planning, in the words of Tom Rogerson from Wilmington Trust, requires an integrated approach that allows a client to protect and grow their money, prepares money for their family and prepares their family for money. Philanthropy is a key factor for success in this work, since it provides a way for the family to connect around their values and work together to achieve impact.



To get started with your clients, we recommend beginning with discernment conversations to understand what is important to them. From there, you can share best practices for incorporating charity into their plans, which helps to address their concerns about longevity, cost, control, nonprofit uncertainty and tax benefits.

As philanthropic advisors, the Community Foundation can be your partner for these charitable planning conversations. We offer the opportunity to meet together with you and your client or to meet with them separately. Our consultations begin with discernment questions to identify the donors' giving needs, document their story and structure a giving plan that fits their unique characteristics.

When desired, we can also facilitate family meetings. These gatherings often result in multiple generations coming together to connect to their family's core values. Through a series of exercises, we assist family members in identifying and documenting those values and how they connect to their life experiences. In addition, we examine the charitable tools best fit for their needs and ways they can give together as a family.

To learn more about our charitable giving services or to request a meeting, please contact me, **Tom Griffith**, director of gift planning, at tgriffith@cnycf.org or 315-883-5544.

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COUNTY NEWS

Barclay Damon and 18 Individual Attorneys Honored by NYS Bar Association for Pro Bono Service

Barclay Damon has been named a Free Legal Answers™ Firm Honoree by the New York State Bar Association. This designation is awarded to the law firm with the most attorneys participating in NYSBA's Free Legal Answers program during the past year. The honor was accepted at the bar association's Annual Justice for All Luncheon in New York City by Heather L. Sunser, Barclay Damon's pro bono partner, and Sheila A. Gaddis and Courtney M. Merriman, also both partners.

During the luncheon, 18 Barclay Damon attorneys were named Empire State Counsel, a designation for attorneys who provided 50 or more hours each of pro bono service in 2017. They are Kayla A. Arias, Megan E. Bahas, Gabriel L. Bouvet-Boisclair, J. Eric Charlton, Melle X. Fabian, Ross M. Greenky, Jeremy J. Hourihan, Danielle E. Mettler-Lafeir, Gabriel M. Nugent, Sarah A. O'Brien, Matthew J. Rosno, Paul A. Sanders, Cassandra L. Santoro, Bella S. Satra, Michael A. Smeader, Bridget

C. Steele, Charles von Simson, and Arnold N. Zelman.

Sunser said, "We are grateful to be acknowledged by the bar association for our pro bono service, especially as we are celebrating our firm's achievement of 100-percent participation in our pro bono program by all full-time attorneys last year. As the partner heading up this program, I couldn't be any prouder of our Empire State Counsel attorneys and every other Barclay Damon attorney who donates time and talent to our communities."

John P. Langan, the firm's managing partner, noted, "Along with our Diversity & Inclusion and Women's Forum programs, our pro bono program is a major component of our dedication to community service, inclusiveness, and justice for all. These programs facilitate our joint efforts to further the firm's goals of making our communities and ultimately our workplaces stronger, fairer, and more diverse."

Barclay Damon provided over 3,500 hours of time valued at nearly \$1 million in 2017. This assistance helped low-income members of our communities face issues that involved immigration, housing, women's rights, prisoners' rights, and community building and economic development, among others.

Barclay Damon LLP, named a Top 250 Firm by The National Law Journal, is a full-service law firm with offices throughout the major cities of New York State and in Toronto, Boston, Washington DC, and Newark. At 275 lawyers, Barclay Damon is the largest law firm in the Northeastern United States not centered in a major market. Barclay Damon attorneys provide comprehensive legal and business counsel to a diverse client base, teaming across practices to provide targeted solutions informed by deep industry understanding. Learn more about our award-winning pro bono program [here](#).

ALLEN LIGHT JOINS BARCLAY DAMON AS ASSOCIATE



Allen F. Light has joined Barclay Damon as an associate in the Albany office. He will be a member of the Torts & Products Liability Defense and Professional Liability Practice Areas.

Prior to joining Barclay Damon, Light held associate positions at four notable

law firms, most recently with Cruser, Mitchell, Novitz, Sanchez, Gaston, and Zimet. Light has represented clients in all New York metropolitan supreme courts, and has significant experience working with manufacturers, insurers, and individuals while handling requisite reports, substantive motion practice, depositions, and written discovery. Light is a graduate of SUNY Oneonta and Hofstra University School of Law,

and held a legal externship in the Office of the Nassau County District Attorney.

Barclay Damon provides legal and business counsel to a diverse client base in 33 practice areas. For more information, visit barclaydamon.com.

BARCLAY DAMON SECURES \$61 MILLION WIN FOR PPC BROADBAND

On March 13, the Federal Circuit affirmed a willful infringement judgment secured by Barclay Damon for the Syracuse-based PPC Broadband Inc. in a \$61 million patent infringement case against a Corning Inc. subsidiary over coaxial cable connector technology.

According to Law360, the appeals court rejected Corning's claims that the district court made a "cavalcade of errors" in understanding patent language, and that its products did not infringe on any of PPC's designs "under the correct interpretation."

"We couldn't be more thrilled at the outcome," PPC attorney and Barclay Damon Intellectual Property Litigation Practice Area chair Douglas J. Nash said. "We believe this case is a strong reminder to competitors to uphold their integrity and think twice about violating patent protections."

The federal suit was the second brought against Corning by PPC, alleging in 2011 that while the subsidiary initially changed its product designs after a 2003 settlement agreement, it had secretly reverted back to the dual-patent infringing versions.

PPC was originally awarded nearly \$24 million in royalties after a three-day trial in 2015, but US District Judge Gary Sharpe later doubled the damages in November 2016, noting that the monetary adjustment was largely justified due to Corning's concealment of its "egregious infringement behavior."

While Corning argued that there was no legitimate cause for increasing the award, PPC countered that Corning had been caught infringing twice and the court "did not abuse its discretion in enhancing damages."

"It is rewarding, after all of the hard

work by our team of attorneys and other professionals, to obtain this significant and deserved victory for our client in protecting its patent rights," Intellectual Property Group leader Denis J. Sullivan said.

With interest, PPC's win totaled at \$61 million.

John P. Langan, Barclay Damon's managing partner, said, "This win is a testament to the outstanding teamwork and talent that separates Barclay Damon attorneys from the rest of the pack. Not only did we deliver a great result, but we demonstrated exactly why our attorneys are recognized as industry leaders."

PPC was additionally represented by Barclay Damon attorneys John D. Cook, Kathryn D. Cornish, John T. Gutkoski, and Bella S. Satra, and paralegal Martha J. Peterman.

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YOUNG AND EVANGELATOS ADMITTED TO NEW YORK STATE BAR

Barclay Damon is pleased to announce that law clerks Forrest T. Young and Peter J. Evangelatos were admitted to the New York State Bar and named associates at the firm.



Young is part of the Environmental, Regulatory, and Project Development Practice Areas, where he draws on prior involvement in legal research and reviews, including drafting grant applications, briefs, and motions. He graduated cum laude in a joint degree program at Syracuse University College of Law and the SU Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, worked as a Department of Justice legal intern in its Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section before spending two years in Barclay Damon's summer associate program.



Evangelatos is a member of the Intellectual Property Litigation Practice Area, where he primarily focuses on patent litigation and prosecution matters. Evangelatos graduated magna cum laude from Albany Law School of Union University and served as a judicial intern for US District Judge Lawrence E. Kahn and as a summer associate for the Long Island intellectual property firm Carter, DeLuca, Farrell & Schmidt. Evangelatos and Young will both practice out of the Syracuse office.

BILL CABLE JOINS BARCLAY DAMON



Barclay Damon is pleased to announce that **William B. Cable** has joined the firm as the new Syracuse office manager. The Cazenovia, New York, native received the position after returning to the area.

Bill comes to Barclay Damon with seven years of experience at BrownGreer PLC's Richmond, Virginia, and New Orleans, Louisiana, offices, starting off in a contract claims reviewer position and moving through the ranks to his most recent position as a senior analyst in October 2012.

In this role, he reported directly to the New Orleans partner while overseeing and leading a team of 150 experts across the New Orleans office and 30 satellite offices in the Gulf Coast region. He has extensive experience mentoring and providing feedback to employees by tracking comprehension, productivity, workflow, and performance, and collaborating with attorneys to develop training and orientation materials.

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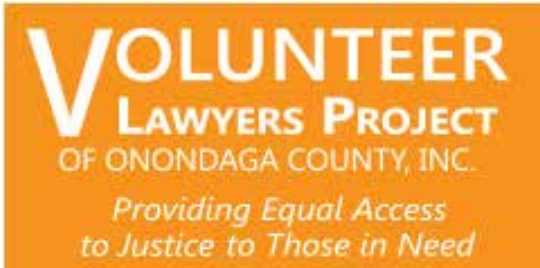
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CNY Philanthropy Center

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APRIL 13, 2018**

- 6:00pm** Cocktail Hour and Mixer
- 7:00pm** Welcome
- 7:30pm** Dinner
- 8:15pm** Awards
- 9:30pm** Closing Remarks

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Seidenberg Award – Sally Santangelo, CNY Fairhousing
Kharas Award - Ed Klein, Criminal Defense Attorney

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WELCOMING REMARKS:

Donna Lieberman, Executive Director, NYCLU

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Program Update:

Sheeba Raj, Equal Justice Works/AmeriCorps Fellow, Attends Immigration

Trainings

"Around the end of February, I traveled to New York City for two trainings. The first one was related to my Equal Justice Works/AmeriCorps fellowship. For two full days, the other fellows and I participated in presentations about substantive immigration law, effective public speaking, and self-care, among other topics. After that training, I went to one on asylum law organized by the Federal Bar Association and New York Law School. There were three tracks – basic, intermediate, and advanced. At one of the advanced sessions, officers from the Newark and New York asylum offices shared tips on preparing effective asylum applications. They also fielded questions from the audience.

All in all, it was three days well spent in New York City gaining valuable knowledge about immigration law practice and networking with fellow attorneys!" - **Sheeba Raj**



Equal Justice Works aims to foster greater family security and community education through the delivery of high-quality legal services to immigrant families across the state of New York. (Sheeba Raj pictured fourth from left).



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Central New York Women's Bar Association

The 2018 Annual Meeting of Members of the Central New York Women's Bar Association

will be held on

Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

at

Maxwell's in Hanover Square, 122 E. Genesee Street.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Elect CNYWBA officers and directors for the 2018-2019 term;
2. Elect the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York ("WBASNY") officers for the 2018-2019 term;
3. Present the **Second Annual Karen DeCrow Award to Janet Izzo, Esq.**; and
4. Transact such other business as may be properly brought before the Annual Meeting.

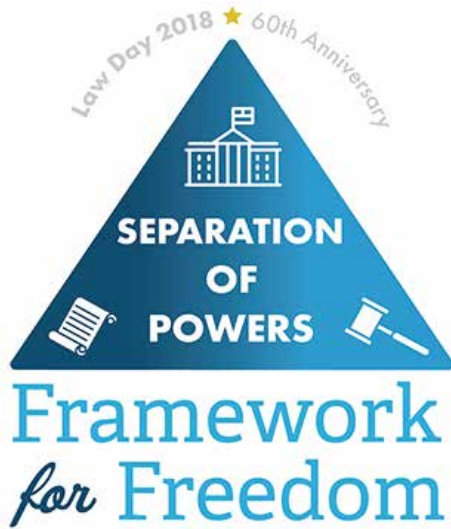
The business portion of the Meeting including the Election of Officers and Directors will take place at the start of the event, followed immediately by the \$30 Member Luncheon.

Please register even if you can only attend the free Member Meeting. Thank you!

Click [here](#) for registration.

SAVE THE DATE!

Onondaga County Bar Association & Bar Foundation 2018 Law Day Breakfast and Program



TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018
Syracuse University College of Law
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7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Informal Networking Continental Breakfast - Levy Atrium
8:30 - 9:30 a.m. - **Law Day Program** - Melanie Gray Ceremonial Courtroom

KEITH J. BYBEE, KEYNOTE



·Vice Dean, Syracuse University College of Law
Program Includes:

- OCBA Induction of new officers and directors
- Awards Presentation, including annual Liberty Bell Award, County High School Mock Trial Champions and OCBA Service Awards

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9:40 - 10:30 a.m. - Diversity & Inclusion CLE Program (1 credit)

SUZETTE M. MELENDEZ, PRESENTER



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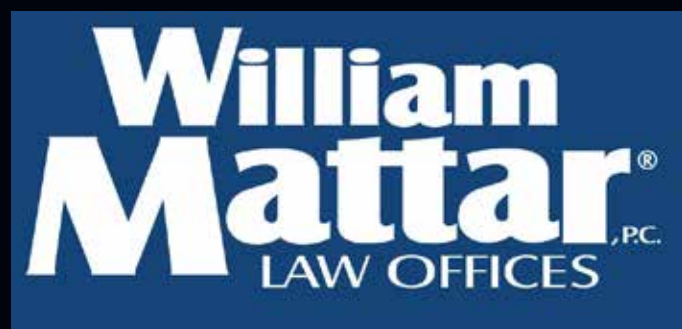
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You will talk to an intake coordinator who may refer you to an experienced counselor. Family Services Associates serves as the Project's counseling agency.

Is Contact with the Lawyers' Assistance Project Confidential?

YES. You can discuss the issue of confidentiality with the intake coordinator or counselor.

Why Was the Project Set Up?

The Project was established to assist lawyers who have problems with alcohol, drugs, stress, anxiety, depression, gambling and other personal problems.

Who May Call?

Attorneys, judges and law students in Onondaga County and these other neighboring counties: Oswego, Jefferson, Lewis, Herkimer, Oneida, Cortland, Cayuga and Madison counties.



For more information contact:

The New York State Bar Association Lawyer Assistance Program-- (800) 255-0569
 Family Services Associates-- (315) 451-2161
 Onondaga County Bar Association
 Executive Director, Jeff Unaitis-- (315) 579-2581

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APRIL TERM:	TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018 - FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018
MAY TERM:	MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018 - FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018
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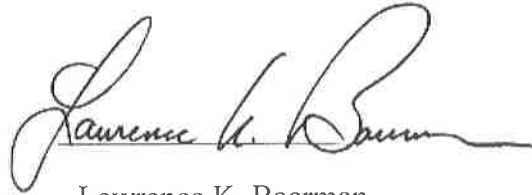
RE: Reappointment of Magistrate Judge

Dear Bar President:

Please find enclosed for your information a copy of the public notice for the Reappointment of Magistrate Judge Gary L. Favro in Plattsburgh, New York.

In accordance with the appointment guidelines, the public notice and an abbreviated public notice of the appointment announcement will be published in the newspapers within the Northern District. The notice has also been posted at each courthouse in the Northern District and on our external website.

Sincerely,



Lawrence K. Baerman
Clerk of the Court

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The current term of the office of United States Magistrate Judge Gary L. Favro at Plattsburgh, New York is due to expire on September 30, 2018. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new four-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge position in this court include the following:

(1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various criminal pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court;

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to the attention of the **Committee Chair**; in care of: Lawrence K. Baerman, Clerk of Court, U.S. District Court, 100 S. Clinton Street, P.O. Box 7367, Syracuse, New York 13261-7367

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February 16, 2018

Hon. James P. Murphy
President
Onondaga County Bar Association
CNY Philanthropy Center, Suite 300
431 East Fayette Street
Syracuse, NY 13202

Dear Justice Murphy:

In accordance with the enclosed Resolution of the Administrative Board of the Courts, I am writing to request that your association provide us with your views of the experience and present abilities of the following Justice who is eligible for certification as a retired Justice of the Supreme Court, effective January 1, 2019.

Department

Fifth District

Hon. Anthony J. Paris

1st Certification

The Administrative Board would like to complete the certification process by September of this year. Accordingly, I would greatly appreciate your comments as soon as possible, but no later than May 18, 2018.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence K. Marks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LKM:aw
Enclosure
cc: Jeffrey A. Unaitis

If you'd like to comment, you may contact Jeff Unaitis, Executive Director of OCBA,
at JUnaitis@onbar.org or via fax, 315-471-0705.



Liberty Bell Award Nomination

The American Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award is the most prestigious award given by lawyers to a non-lawyer. The Award honors a person who has strengthened the American system of freedom and justice under law through their extraordinary contributions in the community. The announcement of the Award is one of the highlights of Law Day, a day set aside by the Congress to celebrate our great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law. In 2018, Law Day will be celebrated with a ceremony at the Syracuse University College of Law on Tuesday, May 1st.

The Liberty Bell Award is given for outstanding service in one of these areas: promoting a better understanding of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights; encouraging greater respect for law and the courts; stimulating a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights; contributing to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and fostering a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

The Onondaga County Bar Association presents its local Award to an Onondaga County resident to recognize that person for contributions **outside his/her regular employment**, or for service **above and beyond** one's normal and expected work responsibilities if they are currently employed within the legal or criminal justice system.

Non-lawyers of any age are eligible to receive this award. Judges, lawyers, or other members of the State Bar of New York are not eligible. Persons holding or seeking public office, and previous Liberty Bell Award recipients, are not eligible.

The Law Day Committee accepts nominations and traditionally meets in April to review nominees and vote. The person who has made the nomination traditionally introduces the recipient on Law Day, but it could be any member of the Bar.

Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 13, 2018. Submit the application and any supporting materials to:

Anastasia M. Semel, Esq. | Co-Chair, OCBA Law Day Committee
c/o Onondaga County Bar Association
431 East Fayette Street, Suite 300
Syracuse, NY 13202
Email: amsemel@gmail.com

The Liberty Bell Award will be presented at the Onondaga County Bar Association Law Day morning ceremony on May 1, 2018. If you have any questions about the nomination form or process, please contact Jeff Unaitis at JUnaitis@onbar.org or 315-471-2667.



Liberty Bell Award 2018 Nomination Form

Nominator Information

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

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This form shall be completed in its entirety with a concise, yet thorough, description of the nominee's qualifications. Please use additional pages when completing the questions asked. The nomination package shall be strictly limited to no more than 5 total pages, including this entry form and all supporting documentation.

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Company Name _____

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1. Background Information

Provide nominee background/biographical information..

2. Contribution to the American System of Justice

Describe how the nominee meets the award criteria. In detail, provide the service, length of time involved, and overall impact.

3. Other Relevant Information

Additional information and supporting materials, such as letters of support, curriculum vitae or resumé, are welcome but not required.



Unless otherwise noted, all programming will take place in the Melanie Gray Ceremonial Courtroom.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CLE Registration, Levy Atrium

11:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Panel 1: Maximizing the attorney-agent's ability to advertise and use social media while maintaining compliance with the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Jodi Balsam: Law Professor, Brooklyn Law School

Andrew Lustigman: Partner at Olshan, Frome, Wolosky

Miles Welo: Counsel at Mansour Gavin, COO of GSM & NFLPA Certified Agent

1.5 credits, Ethics and Professionalism

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch, Levy Atrium

1:25 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. Panel 2: Current intellectual property issues facing the entertainment industry.

Laura Lape: Law Professor, Syracuse University College of Law

Frank Ryan (L'94): Partner at DLA Piper

Jaia Thomas: Founder of the Law Office of Jaia Thomas

1.5 credits, Areas of Professional Practice

2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Panel 3: Assessing the fallout from the NCAA Basketball FBI Investigation: The future of the amateurism rule and the antitrust implications.

Justin DiTolla: Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance

Richard Katz: President & CEO, KMG Sports Management

Justin Sievert: Founding Partner of Sievert Werly

1.5 credits, Areas of Professional Practice

4:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Key Note Address: Building and maintaining the relationship between in-house and outside counsel.

Gregg Brandon (L'01): General Counsel at the Buffalo Bills

Joseph Hanna: Partner at Goldberg Segalla

1 credit, Law Practice Management

Panels will be moderated by alumnus, **Kevin Belbey (L'16).**

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