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# Westchester Women's Bar Association

A Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York

## WWBA President Kathleen Donelli and Matrimonial Committee Co-Chair Sylvia Goldschmidt Present Testimony Before the Matrimonial Commission

Susan S. Brown

The Matrimonial Commission ("the Commission") is charged with examining every facet of the divorce process in New York and recommending reforms to correct existing problems. Chaired by WWBA member and Associate Justice Sondra Miller, of the Appellate Division, Second Department, the panel will consider, among other topics, the many complex issues involved in custody disputes, including the role and qualifications of forensics experts and law guardians. The following is a short summary of testimony heard by the Commission on February 17, 2005, as presented by WWBA President Kathleen Donelli and our Matrimonial Committee Co-Chair, Sylvia Goldschmidt. Kathleen and Sylvia spoke as practitioners in matrimonial law and did not speak on behalf of WWBA.

In her morning testimony, Sylvia Goldschmidt reviewed, for the Commission, various measures and procedures now in place but not regularly enforced, as well as proposed revisions to existing procedures and measures enacted by other states. Among her recommendations, Sylvia proposed:

- Enforcement of existing Court Rules for financial disclosure prior to the preliminary conference, in order to make a positive impact on moving the proceedings forward;
- Immediate judicial involvement in the first instance, so that litigants believe there is a connection with the Court;
- Greater judicial intervention at the preliminary stages for issues to be "...nipped in the

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### A Message From The President

#### CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Congratulations to Jody Fay, our President-Elect, and our other abundantly committed and capable WWBA



*Kathleen Donelli*

officers and directors who were elected at our Annual Meeting on March 22, 2005 and who will be inducted at our Annual Dinner on June 8, 2005.

As my days as your President draw to a close (two more President's messages - but who's counting), I am very happy to announce that on May 5, 2005, we will co-sponsor a program, entitled, *Celebrating Diversity: Succeeding Against the Odds*. We are co-sponsoring this program with the Association of Black Lawyers of Westchester County, the Westchester County Bar Association ("WCBA"), the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York ("WBASNY") and Hudson Valley Bank, which has generously agreed to underwrite the cost of the program. As indicated on the flyer included in

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THE WESTCHESTER WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND ITS

### *Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers*

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## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

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**“[O]ne of my goals [as President] has been to increase the diversity of our membership. [I hope] that many of the attorneys who attend this [Diversity] program will join our respective bar associations.”**

this Newsletter, the program will include introductions from the Hon. Sam D. Walker, President of the WCBA; Lyndon D. Williams, President of the Association of Black Lawyers of Westchester County; Andrea Phoenix, the President-Elect of WBASNY and the co-chairs of our Diversity Committee, the Hon. Barbara A. Leak and Delores Scott Brathwaite. Our speakers will include the Hon. Stephen C. Robinson, Arlene Gordon Oliver, the Hon. Nilda Morales Horowitz, Ernestine Bartlett and Bruce Bozeman. I am very grateful to everyone who has agreed to speak during this exciting program and to our members who have joined them in organizing the program: Eve Bunting-Smith, Jody Fay, Paula Johnson Kelli, Susan Corcoran, Kelli Higgs, Deborah A. Scalise, Dawn Kirby Arnold, Dolores Gebhardt, Kathryn Meng, co-chair of the WBASNY Diversity Committee and Mindy R. Zlotogura, President of WBASNY.

One of Judge Walker's goals has been to get more women involved in the WCBA and one of my goals has been to increase the diversity of our membership. We are hoping that many of the attorneys who attend this program will join our respective bar associations. Throughout my (almost) two years as your President, our members have enthusiastically supported our many projects and programs.

I urge you to join us on May 5, 2005 so that we can actively work (and network) to increase the diversity of our membership. ♦

### *Westchester Women's Bar Association Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers*

**Wednesday, June 8, 2005 – Cocktails 6:00PM • Dinner 7:30PM**

**Please Reply by May 26, 2005**

Please mail this RSVP form to:  
Westchester Women's Bar Association  
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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ will attend

Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$110 per person), made payable to WWBA (discounted price of \$100 per person for responses postmarked on or before May 10, 2004)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing a separate check of \$\_\_\_\_\_, made payable to The WWBA Foundation, Inc., as a tax deductible gift.

Please direct all dinner inquiries to Roberta Michael at (914) 592-8784 or email [robertamichael@msn.com](mailto:robertamichael@msn.com)

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Indicate seating preferences and/or WWBAF contribution tributes below:

#### **SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT NOTICE**

*Attention first-time applicants for membership in the WWBA!*

If you apply now or within one week of the Annual Dinner you will receive 10% off the regular membership price!

#### **Making Dates and Getting Published**

Please schedule all WWBA dates through Julie S. Kattan, Corresponding Secretary and Editor-in-Chief of the WWBA Newsletter. Please copy or otherwise notify Susan S. Brown, Vice President, with all dates to be included in the WWBA website calendar, at [ssbrownesq@msn.com](mailto:ssbrownesq@msn.com) or by facsimile at 914-288-9291. Conflicts in scheduling will be assessed on a case by case basis, with priority for early submissions.

The deadline for newsletter submissions (substantive law articles, notes on members, committee notices) to be considered for publication in the newsletter is **the twelfth of the month**. All notices must be in writing, preferably e-mailed to [juliek0601@aol.com](mailto:juliek0601@aol.com). Attachments should be sent in Word or WordPerfect format. If you do not have e-mail capability, please mail or fax your submission to Julie at Glassman & Brown, LLP, 99 Court Street, White Plains, NY 10601, Telephone (914) 686-0108, Fax (914) 288-9291

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## DONELLI AND GOLDSCHMIDT PRESENT TESTIMONY BEFORE MATRIMONIAL COMMISSION

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bud before they become too explosive . . .”;

- Use of a model order at the preliminary conference, so that parties have a clearer understanding as to how certain issues (such as custody) will be resolved;
- Staggering preliminary conferences in order to minimize parties' waiting time when their anxieties become exaggerated and their costs increase;
- Use of a pro forma Discovery Order (which could be expanded to include documentation regarding case-specific issues) at a preliminary conference, directing the production of basic information within a specified time, thereby obviating the need for such demands to be produced by counsel;
- State-wide uniformity with respect to pretrial discovery (which

***“ . . . Kathleen reviewed . . . the inequities she perceives that result [under case law] that define degrees and licenses as marital property, subject to equitable distribution in a divorce action.”***

may in one instance become less relevant if No Fault divorce is adopted by New York State);

- Adopt rules similar to other states to allow pre-trial discovery of experts;
- Orders of Appointment of experts should include dates of the evaluation, assets to be evaluated and require that the basis for the evaluation be clear and fully set forth in the expert's report, so that litigants and counsel know the specific basis upon which conclusions are reached.

In her afternoon testimony,

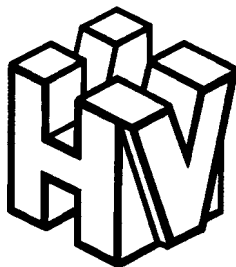
Kathleen Donelli spoke in favor of the implementation of no-fault divorce in New York, a position that has been taken by WBASNY. Primarily, however, Kathleen reviewed, for the Commission, the inequities she perceives that result under the case law set forth in the O'Brien case, 66 NY 576 (1985), and its progeny, that define degrees and licenses as marital property, subject to equitable distribution in a divorce action. Kathleen explained that in order to correct the inequities resulting from O'Brien and its progeny, guidelines

need to be developed for determining spousal support (also known as maintenance or alimony). Kathleen urged the Commission to recommend that a task force be appointed to study if a divorcing spouse can be adequately compensated for contributions made to the other spouse's enhanced earning capacity during the marriage by adopting guidelines on spousal support.

Congratulations to Kathleen and Sylvia for their important contributions to making much-needed reformations to the matrimonial laws in New York State.

If you wish to review the full transcripts of the public hearings by the Matrimonial Commission, go to [www.courts.state.ny.us/ip/matrimonialcommission/index](http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ip/matrimonialcommission/index). ♦

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# April Practice Management Tip

## 15 Business Card Sins Lawyers Commit

**SIN #1:** *Your type is too small.* Few things provoke as many negative comments as type that's too small to read. In an effort to achieve a corporate or high-end look, artists often choose fonts that are painfully small. Don't. Make sure your prospects can easily read the words on your card.

**SIN #2:** *Your fonts are hard to read.* To achieve a high-end look, many lawyers turn to scripts and even Old English typefaces. Unfortunately, they're nearly impossible to decode. How often have you looked at a business card and then rolled your eyes because you didn't have a clue what it said? A business card that people can't read is worthless.

**SIN #3:** *You print on top of a photograph or illustration.* Some lawyers put an image or photo on their card and then print words across it, called overprinting. Don't do it. Overprinting makes the illustration hard to see and the words hard to read.

**SIN #4:** *Your letters are spaced too far apart.* Several years ago, artists started putting a lot of space between letters within the same word to gain a sophisticated look. They could take a five-letter word and make it as wide as a ten- or twenty-letter word. Few things look as artificial or amateurish as letters that are pulled apart in an effort to create a highbrow effect. If you're sophisticated, people know it. If not, they know that, too.

**SIN #5:** *Your fonts create the wrong image.* Fonts are not just a matter of personal preference.

Their lines, curves and serifs create a certain look. Formal or casual. Contemporary or traditional. Elegant or comic. Lawyers often choose a font they like without realizing that the font doesn't convey the image they want to communicate.

**SIN #6:** *You use too much foil.* Foil stamping can look professional when used with discretion. But commercial printers get excited when they buy a new foil stamping machine. For the next few months, everybody who walks out of their shop has foil-covered business cards that look like an explosion in a paint factory.

**SIN #7:** *Your information is hard to find.* When prospects look at your card, they want some piece of information. Often, it's your phone number or e-mail address because they want to contact you. Make sure you put information where prospects can find it quickly and easily. Otherwise, you'll end up frustrating the same people you want to attract.

**SIN #8:** *Your card stock is flimsy.* People see your card's colors and fonts immediately. But many lawyers don't realize that people also draw conclusions based on how your card feels. Rough or smooth. Heavy or light. Firm or limp. Make sure your card's feel is consistent with the image you want to project.

**SIN #9:** *You use cheap, raised, plastic lettering.* It's called thermography and people like it because they can feel the letters rise off the card. The fact that lettering stands up to coffee stains is hardly a reason to buy it. Thermography is fine for a plumber or car mechanic, but it falls short if you're looking

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***“When you want a new image for your law firm, make sure you hire a competent designer. What your card says — and how your card looks and feels — is too important for an amateur.”***

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to convey an upscale, dignified image.

**SIN #10:** *Your information is out of date.* Some people think they can't order new cards until they use up all their old cards. They may even cross out the old phone number and write the new number above it. Spend the money. Order new cards.

**SIN #11:** *Your card is more like an ad.* Lawyers sometimes design their business cards so they look like small display ads. More often than not, this is a mistake. Prospects often need a good amount of information before they decide to hire you, but on your business card is not the place to put it.

**SIN #12:** *Your odd-size card doesn't fit into business card holders.* In an effort to stand out from the crowd, some lawyers use cards of unusual sizes. True, this makes you different, but not always in a positive way.

**SIN #13:** *You give your toll free number to everyone.* When you print your toll free number on your card, you're inviting the world to use it. Consider printing only your local phone numbers on your business card. Then, when you want someone to have your toll-free number, write it on the back. The person receiving it will think he's special — and you have much tighter control over who uses your toll-free line.

**SIN #14:** *You put too little informa-*

*tion on your business card.* Prospects and clients may prefer to reach you in different ways. One may like e-mail; another may want to send a fax. When you give prospects and clients different ways of contacting you, you're more likely to offer a method that they find convenient.

**SIN #15:** *Overall, your card is too much.* For a dignified, professional image, aim for a card that is quiet and understated. When a client hands your card to a prospect, in one second your prospect draws conclusions based on what he sees. That small piece of card stock projects the image, substance and depth of your firm. Don't underestimate the importance of a good business card. When you want a new image for your law firm, make sure you hire a competent designer. What your card says — and how your card looks and feels — is too important for an amateur. ♦

*This month's Practice Management Tips were provided by Trey Ryder, a law firm consultant who specializes in Education-Based Marketing for attorneys. He offers lawyers three free articles by e-mail: 11 Deadly Assumptions That Kill Your Marketing Program, Marketing Secrets of a Powerful Web Site, and 17 Fatal Marketing Mistakes Lawyers Make. To receive these articles, send your name and e-mail address to [trey@treyryder.com](mailto:trey@treyryder.com) and ask for his free e-mail packet of articles.*

## Trusts and Estates Committee Presents: *SCPA 1404 Examinations and Defensive Estate Planning*

At its evening meeting on March 15, attended by over 20 members and guests, the WWBA Trusts & Estates committee presented a one and ½ CLE credit program entitled: "SCPA 1404 Examinations: How to Examine the Witnesses to a Will and Defensive Estate Planning, a/k/a How to Avoid a Will Contest". Speakers Frank W. Streng, Esq. of McCarthy Fingar, LLP and Carla D. Glassman, Esq., of Glassman & Brown, LLP, provided a good written and spoken overview of the procedural steps, as well as litigation strategies, that lead up to a Will contest primarily through the depositions that may be taken of the witnesses to a Will, as well as others such as the attorney-draftsman. A "mock" SCPA 1404 examination was also presented, with Frank (as the objectant's attorney) and Carla (as the proponent's attorney) examining Julie S. Kattan (playing the part of a Will witness) and Susan S. Brown as the attorney-draftsman. If you missed this interesting and informative program (or even if you didn't) be sure not to miss the April 12 program, to be presented by Michael and Harris Markhoff, and Magealen Gaynor, Esq., on Estate Tax Returns and Audits (see sidebar).



Frank W. Streng examines Will witness Julie S. Kattan



T&E Committee Chairs Karen J. Walsh and Susan S. Brown with speakers Carla D. Glassman and Frank W. Streng

### Trusts and Estates Committee

**Back by Popular Demand!** At an evening meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 12, the Trusts & Estates Committee will sponsor a program entitled "Preparation and Audit of the Estate Tax Return, Form 706". The speakers will include Magdalen Gaynor, Esq.; Harris Markhoff, Esq. and Michael Markhoff, Esq. Pending WBASNY approval, 2 CLE credits will be given for attendance at the programs.

The meeting will be held at the offices of Glassman & Brown, LLP, 99 Court Street in the South Suite conference room. Light supper will start at 6:00; the program will start at 6:30. Please RSVP to Glassman & Brown, LLP at 914-686-0108. The cost for attendance is \$15.00, plus \$5.00 for CLE credit. ♦

### Family Friendly Employment Policy Award

The Westchester Women's Bar Association is now accepting nominations for the 2005 **FAMILY FRIENDLY EMPLOYMENT POLICY AWARD**. This award will be presented to a legal employer in Westchester that has distinguished itself by establishing employment policies that assist its employees in achieving balance between their work and family. Any legal employer in either the public or private sector, employing at least 3 or more individuals is eligible. We will consider, among other factors, the employer's policies on part time employment, flexible work schedules, maternity and paternity leaves, tele-commuting and partnership opportunities for part time employees. The nomination form is available by mail, e-mail or by contacting Rita Tino at 914-921-5705 or Christie Derrico at 914-698-2880, or by leaving a message on the Westchester Women's Bar Phone at 914-347-3662. The award will be presented to the winner at the WWBA annual dinner. ♦

### Lawyering and Parenting Committee

#### **Save the Date!**

Lawyering & Parenting meeting on April 19, 2005 at 12:30 p.m. at Law Office of Rita J. Tino, 190 E. Post Road, White Plains on "Home Offices—How working from Home can pay off". ♦

### Matrimonial and New Lawyers Committee

The Matrimonial and New Lawyers Committee will present, "Nuts and Bolts of Matrimonial Law . . . Essentials for the First Consultation." 2 CLE credits will be given. The program will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at the Bank of New York, 123 Main Street, White Plains, NY. RSVP to Rich Gruenberger at (212) 750-0800 or Lonya Gilbert at (914) 833-5297. ♦

### Real Property Committee

The Real Property Committee will present "ETHICS IN REAL ESTATE" Speakers: Alan Lichtenstein, Esq. & Bill Menon of Julia B. Fee Real Estate Wednesday, April 27, 2005 Hosted at and by Berkeley College, 99 Church Street, White Plains, NY 5:30PM for a light dinner, 6:00-8:00PM is the program, \$20.00 includes dinner and two CLE credits in ethics (pending approval). RSVP to Jody Fay at (914) 244-3738 or email legal2@msn.com . . . pay at the door!

## Fourth Annual *Take Your Children To Work Day* Celebration

The WWBA is pleased to announce its *Fourth Annual Take Your Children to Work Day Celebration* on April 28, 2005. The program is co-sponsored by the Westchester Women's Bar Association, the White Plains Bar Association, the Greenburgh Bar Association, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman and Dicker, LLP, Keane and Beane, P.C., McCarthy, Fingar, LLP and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. It will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the United States District Court at 300 Quarropas Street in White Plains. Among the planned activities are meetings with Judges, an Assistant United States Attorney, an FBI agent, and a U.S. Marshall; a demonstration of home detention equipment; and a courthouse tour. In addition, we will be providing a pizza and soft drink lunch for the children.

The students will also receive a package, including among other things, handouts about the federal court system. One of the purposes of the program is to have children see that women as well as men can have rewarding careers in law enforcement. As it was last year, the program is extended to allow the children of our members to participate along with the children of the federal employees, children of our sponsoring firm's employees and children from local area schools. In light of security concerns at the courthouse, we will need a list of names and ages of all the children and chaperones who will attend. If you or your child would like to participate, please contact Deborah A. Scalise at (914) 472-2300 or [DScalise@adcuriam.com](mailto:DScalise@adcuriam.com) or Stephanie M. Roebuck at (914) 946-4777 or [SRoebuck@kblaw.com](mailto:SRoebuck@kblaw.com) before April 15th. ♦

## 2005-2006 Officers and Directors

*The following WWBA Officers and Directors for 2005-2006 were elected at our general membership meeting held on March 22, 2005 and will be sworn in at our Annual Dinner on June 8, 2005.*

President ..... Jody Fay  
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 Corresponding Secretary ..... Julie S. Kattan  
 WWBA Directors ..... Dolores Gebhardt, Donna E. Froscio, Joy S. Joseph, Hon. Lisa Margaret Smith, Audrey Stone  
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**Celebrating Diversity:  
Succeeding Against the Odds**

**Date:** THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2005 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** No Charge, courtesy of Hudson Valley Bank. Dinner will be served.  
**Place:** THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF WHITE PLAINS  
305 Ridgeway, White Plains (914) 948-0958  
**RSVP:** By April 25, 2005 to Dawn Arnold at King & Spalding LLP  
darnold@kslaw.com or (212) 556-2150.

**Introductions:**

<b>Hon. Sam D. Walker</b>	President, Westchester County Bar Association
<b>Lyndon D. Williams</b>	President, The Association of Black Lawyers of Westchester County
<b>Andrea Phoenix</b>	President-elect, Women's Bar Association of the State of New York
<b>Delores Scott Brathwaite</b>	Co-Chair, Diversity Committee of the Westchester Women's Bar Association
<b>Hon. Barbara A. Leak</b>	Co-Chair, Diversity Committee of the Westchester Women's Bar Association

**Speakers:**

<b>Hon. Stephen C. Robinson</b>	U.S. District Judge, S.D.N.Y.
<b>Arlene Gordon Oliver</b>	Rattet, Pasternak & Gordon Oliver LLP
<b>Hon. Nilda Morales Horowitz</b>	Westchester County Family Court Justice
<b>Ernestine Bartlett</b>	Intellectual Property Attorney
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*presents*

**The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children:  
The Legal and Psychological Perspectives**

Thursday, April 28, 2005  
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

New York State Judicial Institute  
Pace University School of Law



Welcome and Introduction by  
Susan L. Pollet, Esq.  
Executive Director, Pace Women's Justice Center

Hon. Daniel D. Angiolillo  
Justice of the Supreme Court, Associate Justice of the Appellate Term

Hon. Joan O. Cooney  
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Dr. Kathleen McKay  
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Cost - \$35  
(Includes Dinner and 2 CLE Credits)

RSVP: Pace Women's Justice Center, Attn: James Bavero, (914) 422-4069  
Please make checks payable to the Pace Women's Justice Center

Space is limited

This Program has been approved in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board for a maximum of 2 credit hours. The course is sponsored for CLE accreditation by The Pace Women's Justice Center. Full and partial scholarships based on financial need are available. For information on the guidelines, and to apply, please contact James Bavero at (914) 422-4069. All requests are confidential. This program is suitable for transitional (i.e., newly admitted) and non-transitional attorneys.

**C L E Corner**

**PACE LAW SCHOOLCENTER FOR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION  
Special CLE Programs in April**

*Trial Lawyers Brafman, Goldberg, Morvillo, Saracco and Korn on*

**OPENING AND CLOSING ARGUMENTS**

*1.5 Credits Practice; 1 Credit Skill*

Top notch trial lawyers Benjamin Brafman, Jay Goldberg, Henry Korn, Robert Morvillo and Stephen Saracco, collectively have tried approximately a thousand cases and have 150 years of trial experience. They will open their playbooks and discuss their trade secrets in delivering winning opening and closing statements.

**Monday, April 4, 2005, 6:00 - 8:30PM**

Pace Law School, Moot Courtroom

Registration Fee: Includes copy of *In the Interest of Justice: Great Opening and Closing Arguments of the Last 100 Years.*

\$30 - Pace Bridge Members

\$150 - Non-Pace Bridge Members

**Registration Deadline: March 23, 2005**

**POLITICS, THE JUDICIARY AND THE CONSTITUTION**

Presented with the participation of the Special Committee on Procedures for Judicial Discipline of the NYSBA

*2.5 Credits Ethics*

Gerald Stern, Special Counsel to the Judicial Institute, Jay Carlisle, Professor of Law, Pace Law School and referee for the Commission, Richard Emery, member of the Commission, Hon. Robert Noonan, Genesee County Court Judge and Surrogate and A. Rene Hollyer, Chair of the Committee and partner in the firm of Hollyer, Brady Barrett & Hines. A study of the tension between the electoral process and an impartial judiciary. Are the current restrictions on judges realistic: are they constitutional; would the problems posed be avoided by an appointive process?

**Tuesday, April 26, 2005 6:00 - 8:30PM**

Pace Law School, Moot Courtroom

Registration Fee: Complimentary

*Pre-registration is necessary*

For registration information, please contact Linda Maccarrone at 914-422-4062 or check our website at [www.law.pace.edu/cle](http://www.law.pace.edu/cle).

**Notes on Members**

WWBA member Lisa Solomon, along with BWBA member Ginger Trunkes (Principal Court Attorney at the Appellate Division, First Department) and NYWBA member Myrna Felder, will present a CLE entitled "How to Win on Appeal - Writing Better Briefs and Avoiding Procedural Pitfalls" at the WBASNY convention in Cooperstown, May 13-15. In the first part of the program, Ginger will share her "insights from the inside" about effective brief writing and Lisa will discuss how judicial writing guides can help lawyers become better brief writers. In the second part of the program, Myrna will address 10 appellate traps and how to avoid them. For more information about the convention, visit WBASNY's website at [www.WBASNY.org](http://www.WBASNY.org).

**Joanna M. Schaffer** recently established herself in private practice. Joanna can be reached as follows: Law Offices of Joanna M. Schaffer, 445 Hamilton Avenue, Suite 1102, White Plains, NY 10601; Tel. (914) 949-7755; [jschaffer@visalawusa.com](mailto:jschaffer@visalawusa.com)

Joanna will continue to concentrate in the area of U.S. immigration and nationality law.

**Susan Mills Richmond** is pleased to announce her association with the firm of Lexow, Berbit & Associates, P.C., P.O. Box 239, 56 Park Avenue, Suffern, NY 10901-0239. The phone number is 845-357-0036 and the fax number is 845-357-0297. ◆

**Celebrating Diversity:  
Succeeding Against the Odds**

WBASNY, The Westchester County Bar Association, the Black Lawyers Association of Westchester County and the Westchester Women's Bar Association will present the program, "Celebrating Diversity: Succeeding Against the Odds." The program will take place on May 5, 2005 at 5:30-8:00 p.m., at the Women's Club of White Plains. There is no charge for this program thanks to the generosity of the underwriting by Hudson Valley Bank. See the enclosed flyer for details. ◆

**Classifieds**

The Pace Women's Justice Center is seeking a full time staff attorney for its Family Court Legal Program. The attorney will (1) provide direct representation to victims of domestic violence in ex parte proceedings to obtain a Family Court order of protection; (2) interface with advocates and other partnering agencies in the FCLP; (3) provide supervision and oversight to law students involved in the FCLP; (4) participate in grant writing, community education and other academic and outreach activities. Ability to speak Spanish is a plus but not a requirement. Start ASAP. Submit resume with cover letter by mail, fax or e-mail to Susan L. Pollet, Esq., Pace Women's Justice Center, 78 North Broadway, White Plains, New York 10603, (fax)914-422-4102; e-mail [spollet@law.pace.edu](mailto:spollet@law.pace.edu). ◆

*Please Save This Date*

**~ September 29, 2005 ~**

**PACE WOMEN'S JUSTICE CENTER**

**8TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF JUSTICE FOR WOMEN BENEFIT DINNER**

*This year's Honorees:*

**John Danisi**, Writer and Producer, KPI for Court TV

**Dee DelBello**, CEO and Publisher of Westfair Communications, Inc.

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**Place: Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill, Tarrytown N.Y.**

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## WWBA Schedule of Upcoming Events

Sponsor	Date / Time	Place	Topic	RSVP
WWBA Board Meeting	Wednesday 5/4/05 5:30p.m.	Bank of New York 123 Main Street White Plains, NY	Board Meeting	Regrets only to Kathleen Donelli at kdonelli@mccarthyfingar.com
Trusts and Estates Committee	Tuesday 4/12/05 6-8:30p.m. cost \$20	Glassman & Brown 99 Court Street White Plains, NY	Preparation and Audit of the Estate Tax Return, Form 706 2 CLE credits pending	Glassman & Brown, LLP @ 914-686-0108
Lawyering and Parenting Committee	Tuesday 4/19/05	Law Office of Rita J. Tino, 190 E. Post Rd. White Plains	Home Offices-How working from Home Can Pay Off	Rita Tino @ 921-5705 or Christie Derrico @ 698-2880
Real Property Committee	Wednesday 4/27/05 6:00-8:00 p.m. Cost \$20	Berkeley College 99 Church Street White Plains, New York	Ethics in Real Estate  2 cle credits pending	RSVP to Jody Fay @ 914-244-3738
WWBA	Thursday 4/28/05 9:00am-1:00pm	US District Court 300 Quaroppas Street White Plains	Take Your Children to Work Day	For info: Deb Scalise 472-2300 or Stephanie Roebuck at 946-4777
Diversity Committee	Thursday 5/5/05 5:30-8:00p.m.	Women's Club of White Plains	Celebrating Diversity: Succeeding Against the Odds	Dawn Arnold at (212) 556-2150 or darnold@kslaw.com
Matrimonial and New Lawyers Committees	Wednesday 5/25/05 5:30-7:30pm	Bank of New York 123 Main Street White Plains, NY	Nuts and Bolts of Matrimonial Law...Essentials for the First Consultation	Rich Gruenberger @ (212) 750-0800 or Lonya Gilbert @ (914) 833-5297

## Other Important Events

SPONSOR	DATE/TIME	PLACE	TOPIC	RSVP
Bar Association of the City of New York	Thursday 5/5/05 6:00-9:00pm	42 West 44 <sup>th</sup> Street NYC	Ethical Perils and Pitfalls	For info contact Lisa Bluestein @ (914) 276-3935
Pace Women's Justice Center	Thursday 4/28/05 6:00-8:30pm Cost \$35	Pace Law School Judicial Institute	Effects of Domestic Violence on Children  2 CLE credits	James Bavero @ (914) 422-4069

REMEMBER, YOU CAN FIND THE WBSA NY WEB PAGE AT WWW.WBSA NY.ORG.

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