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Westchester Women's Bar Association

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

WWBA GOLF OUTING SUITS TO A "TEE"

Once again, WWBA members and friends teed off for a terrific day of golf at the Second Annual WWBA Golf Outing. Turning the elegant and user-friendly Hampshire Country Club into our own Berthpage Black, we played good golf, ate well, networked, won prizes and, most importantly, had fun. By a clear preponderance of the evidence, it was apparent that the "worst day of golf is better than a good day in the office."

Before the tournament started, players interested in "driving for show" were invited to the driving range to hit limitless pails of complimentary balls, and thanks to the sponsorship of **Citibank of Larchmont**, players were treated to a lesson with the club pros so they could practice "putting for dough."

A sumptuous lunch, sponsored by **Hudson Valley Bank** and **Judicial Title Insurance**, preceded the tournament, and **Irene Sandford** sponsored a snack at the "turn" for an afternoon lift.

The good news was that the weather held, and we finished 18 holes without any "refreshing" rain. The bad news was that there was practice, but not enough perfection (said Rabbi Mickey Stanger, one of our hole-in-one spotters) to sink that hole-in-one and drive off in the BMW Z 4 convertible generously provided by **BMW of Westchester**.

Photos of the day are available, thanks to the support of **Jackson Lewis Schnitzer & Krupman**, and photographer **Ken Jackman**. Watch for photos of all the players on our

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Ringers L to R: Julie Kattan, Adrienne Orbach, Kathy Tyburski and Pat Placona

Next General Membership Meeting: November 12, 2003

You are strongly encouraged to attend the next exciting WWBA General Membership meeting on November 12th, 2003. The WWBA Grievance/Ethics and Judiciary Committee will be presenting a program entitled "Ethics and Professionalism for Judges and Lawyers" that will be co-sponsored by the White Plains Bar Association. Among the topics to be covered are: Recusals for Judges and Lawyers: How to handle a situation when you learn of a conflict of interest;

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A Message From The President

LET US GIVE THANKS

On October 16, 2003, the Hon. Sam D. Walker, Dinner Chairperson, gave me, as President of the WWBA, the honor of giving



Kathleen Donelli

the invocation at the Westchester County Bar Association's Seventh Annual Past Presidents' Dinner, honoring the Hon. Samuel G. Fredman. When John A. Geoghegan, President of the WCBA, introduced me, he presented me with a "Yankees" cap for luck. (Although the Yankees won the pennant in the 11th inning later that evening, our luck ran out on October 25th; I am keeping John's "Yankees" cap for better luck next season!)

I appreciate the WCBA for reaching out to the WWBA and want to share with you the following excerpts from my invocation:

While we are all of many different beliefs and non-beliefs,

We are joined together by all we have to be thankful for.

As lawyers and members of the judiciary,

We are thankful for the privilege of living in a democracy where we are free to be different.

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Message from the President

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In our world, where there are so many victims of hatred due to racial, religious, gender, ethnic, sexual preference, and political differences,

Let us be grateful that we can share this evening together, respecting our rights to be different.

And let us give thanks, in whatever way we choose, that we come together tonight,

To honor Judge Sam Fredman, a man who has devoted himself to maintaining and fostering our system of laws that protect our right to be different and our many other freedoms.

Without fair, impartial and dedicated members of the judiciary, our legal system would not be able to protect our many freedoms. While we are all busy, I encourage everyone to make the time on November 4, 2003 to "Get Out and Vote!"

I am most grateful to Loren Glassman and Meg Tyre, co-chairs of the WWBA Judicial Screening Committee, and the members of the Committee, for their dedication to interviewing and rating judicial candidates. The ratings of the WWBA Judicial Screening Committee are published on this page of this Newsletter.

I also want to encourage you to attend our November 12, 2003 General Membership Meeting entitled, "Ethics and Professionalism for Judges and Lawyers." This program is being co-sponsored by the White Plains Bar Association and CLE approval for two (2) credits in Ethics & Professionalism is pending. Please see the flyer in this Newsletter for additional information.

We are most thankful to CarlLa Horton, Executive Director of the Northern Westchester Shelter, for her successful efforts in obtaining a \$350,000 grant from the US Dept. of Justice to fund the "Survivors Law Project." (See page 4). The WWBA will collaborate with the Northern Westchester Shelter and Victims Assistance Service to provide legal services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Our immediate past president, Kathy N. Rosenthal, was responsible for working with CarlLa Horton to obtain this grant that will enable the WWBA to help train attorneys to represent domestic violence victims. WWBA members, Kimberly S. Thomsen, Hon. Alayne Katz, Helga Klessen and Audrey E. Stone have volunteered to con-

tribute the force of their combined experience and expertise in the area of domestic violence to the "Survivors Law Project."

Thanksgiving is a unique American holiday because we all celebrate it together, regardless of our different beliefs, non-beliefs, backgrounds and preferences. As we celebrate

Thanksgiving this month with family and friends, let us be both thankful and mindful of the roles we play, as attorneys and as members of the judiciary, in maintaining and fostering our system of laws that protect our many freedoms, including our right to be different. ♦

Results from WWBA's Judicial Screening Committee

For the twenty-third consecutive year, the WWBA screened candidates for judicial office in the Supreme Court for the Ninth Judicial District, which includes the Counties of Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Orange and Putnam; and for the County Court and Family Court of Westchester County. The ratings of "outstanding," "well-qualified," "qualified" and "not qualified" were available to candidates for judicial office. The ratings were based upon the following criteria: judicial temperament; knowledge of the law; legal writing ability; general reputation, character and fitness; and attitudes towards women's issues.

The WWBA Judicial Screening Committee is co-chaired by Loren I. Glassman and Margaret H. Tyre. Also on the Committee are: Janet A. Johnson, Lucille Oppenheim, Marilyn S. Reader, Jodine L. Schenkerman., Beverly Rogers & Sandra Koss Kurtz.

The report of the WWBA Judicial Screening Committee for 2003 is as follows:

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Candidate	Rating
Hon. Colleen Duffy	Well qualified
Hon. JoAnn Friaa	Well qualified
Hon. Margaret Garvey	Well qualified
Hon. Lawrence Horowitz	Qualified
Hon. Deborah Kiedaisch	Well qualified
Christine Sproat	Well qualified
David Stonehill	Not qualified
Michael Weiner	Not qualified

COUNTYCOURT

Candidate	Rating
Joseph Alessandro	Not qualified
Hon. Rory Bellantoni	Qualified
Susan Cacase	Well qualified
Robert DiBella	Qualified
Hon. Robert Neary	Well qualified

FAMILYCOURT

Candidate	Rating
Kathie Davidson	Well qualified
Hon. Annette Guarino	Well qualified

The Committee bases its ratings upon a personal interview, a written questionnaire and resume and other documentation, such as written decisions or legal briefs and other legal writing samples. In addition, the Committee considers judicial experience relevant to the office sought and references solicited from lawyers who have either appeared before the candidate (if the candidate is a sitting judge), or opposing counsel or co-counsel. The Grievance Committee and the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct are contacted regarding any grievances or acts of official misconduct. If a candidate does not appear before the Committee, or otherwise fails to cooperate with the Committee, a rating of not qualified is given. All interviews and deliberations remain strictly confidential. ♦

SURVIVORS LAW PROJECT IS FUNDED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE *Northern Westchester Shelter to Partner with Victims Assistance Services and WWBA*

The US Department of Justice awarded \$350,000 under the Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program to the Northern Westchester Shelter, which will collaborate with Victims Assistance Services (VAS) and the Westchester Women's Bar Association (WWBA) to provide civil legal services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. In announcing the award, CarlLa Horton, executive director of the Northern Westchester Shelter, stated: "We are delighted to partner with the WWBA and VAS on this important project, and we are especially grateful to Kathy Rosenthal, former president of the WWBA, and Ann Ellsworth, executive director of VAS, for their vital assistance in preparing the competitive grant proposal that led to this two-

year award."

The Survivors Law Project is designed to enhance the safety and resolve the civil legal issues pre-

sented by victims through the delivery of comprehensive, culturally appropriate legal services. Every project activity is designed to pro-

tect victims; to enhance opportunities for offender accountability; to support and assist victims if they choose to work within the system, to obtain viable legal remedies; and to promote their evolution from victim to survivor.

WWBA President Kathleen Donelli has asked the Hon. Alayne Katz, Audrey Stone, Helga Klessen and Kimberly Thomsen to take the lead for the WWBA in this collaboration.

The work of the WWBA will be to mentor the attorneys working on staff at NWS and VAS, and/or augment the work of staff attorneys by providing legal representation of more difficult and/or special needs cases and to provide training to lawyers in the community with the expectation that each lawyer will take a case on a pro bono basis. ♦



L to R: CarlLa Horton, Executive Director, Northern Westchester Shelter; Kathy Rosenthal, Former President of the Westchester Women's Bar Association; Ann E. Ellsworth, Executive Director, Victims Assistance Services

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November Practice Management Tip

Good Client Relations: Part I

Lisa Soloman, Esq.

A successful, self-sustaining practice requires more than marketing to drive potential clients through the door. Once a potential client has come to you for a consultation, you must still "close the deal." After the client has retained you, you must do your best to keep him or her happy. A satisfied client will engage you for multiple matters, and will refer other good clients to you. Here are some suggestions for facilitating good client relations, throughout the course of your relationship with your clients:

1. Always carry high-quality business cards.
2. Always offer clients and other visitors coffee or a soft drink

while they wait in the reception area.

3. Be sure your reception area contains periodicals indicative of the kind of practice you want people to think you have.
4. Be careful when you answer the question, "What kind of law do you practice?" Don't limit yourself or your firm.
5. Always send thank-you letters when someone refers a client.
6. Always send thank-you letters to witnesses who testify for your side.
7. Either promptly return all phone calls yourself or be sure someone promptly returns them for you.
8. Always send clients copies of all "correspondence in" and "correspondence out" relating to their cases.

9. Dress the way you would expect a lawyer to dress if you were a client paying a fee.

10. Always get as much cash up front as possible from new clients. This is known as Foonberg's rule and is a modification of Lincoln's statement that when a client has paid cash up front, the client knows he has a lawyer and the lawyer knows he has a client.

11. Always be sure your fee agreement is in writing.

12. Always send your clients Christmas or "Season's Greetings" cards.

13. Remember that your invoices are a factor in your clients' opinion of you.

14. Dump the "dogs." Get rid of the "bad news" cases and clients before they really give you problems.

15. Learn how to convert "social consultations" at weddings, etc. into paying clients by being attentive, letting these acquaintances know they may have a serious problem, and suggesting they come into your office where you have the facilities to help them.

16. Remind the nonlawyers in the firm that they can refer their friends' legal matters to the firm.

17. Remember that availability or nonavailability is the single most important factor in your being selected or not being selected when you are recommended. ♦

This month's Practice Management Tips were excerpted and adapted by Lisa Soloman, Esq., from How to Start and Build a Law Practice, by Jay Foonberg (ABA 1999), with the permission of the author.

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THE DILEMMA OF COOPERATIVE APARTMENT OWNERSHIP

Claire Meadow, Esq.

I recently sent a "Title Alert" mailing to colleagues who call on me at Reliable Title Agency. The text read as follows:

I call your attention to the New York State Court of Appeals case, 40 West 67th Street Corporation v. David Pullman, decided May 13, 2003. It is just another reason why I urge my clients to, whenever possible, purchase condominium apartments rather than shares of stock allocated to co-operative apartments. I have long been dismayed by the private club type policies, which many co-op Boards can and do impose upon their shareholder/tenants. It appears now, more than ever, that the co-op Board's broad powers, unfettered by RPAPL 711(1) to insulate against arbitrary or malicious terminations and evictions, could lead to abuse.

Our highest Court has now confirmed that a co-op board WITHOUT COURT ORDER, may EVICT a tenant based on what the Board perceives to be an "undesirable" tenancy due to tenant's "objectionable" conduct. The Court concludes that the "BUSINESS JUDGMENT RULE" is the proper standard of judicial review when evaluating decisions made by co-operative corporations pursuant to terms of the proprietary lease agreement.

It is ironic that for purposes of revenue raising, the trend has been to treat co-op ownership like any fee ownership. Thus, what was once a deed transfer tax applicable

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only to real property is now a "conveyance tax" extended to sale of co-op shares. On the other hand, for purposes of owner/tenant protection, the trend has been to treat shareholder/tenant cooperative ownership, as an entity not protected by the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law (RPAPL).

With the Pullman decision, 296 A.D.2d 120, 742 N.Y.S.2d 264 (1st Dept 2002), aff'd 2003 WL 21057407 (May 13, 2003), the harsh reality is that a tenant-shareholder can be evicted and his leasehold forfeited without any protective special court proceeding. The co-op no longer has the burden to produce competent evidence establishing that the tenant's continuous or persistent conduct was unlawful or unreasonable to the annoyance, discomfort or damage to neighboring tenants or other building occupants.

Understanding the basics of co-operative ownership may help us to understand how a Court, as enlightened as the New York State Court of Appeals, could arrive at this decision. Ownership of a unit in a cooperative corporation's building is reflected by purchase of shares of corporate stock and a proprietary lease

which together entitle purchasing shareholders to occupy a particular apartment. Presumably, the prospective purchasers or their attorney have done due diligence, reading and understanding the corporation's Offering Plan and amendments. Those documents contain the by-laws, rules, regulations and proprietary lease. Your clients should carefully determine whether they can live under the constraints outlined therein. Because ownership shareholders have the opportunity to elect the board members who exercise business judgment by making policy, your clients should be encouraged to consider whether shareholders can run for election to the board.

The "Business Judgment Rule" began to take root in 1990 with the case of Levandusky v. One Fifth Avenue Apartment Corp. 75 N.Y.2d 530, 554 N.Y.S. 807, under which the Board of Managers was insulated from judicial review when it placed a "stop work" order on renovations in Levandusky's apartment because his contractor had relocated a pipe. Although the relocated pipe caused no damage it was, the Board contended, not in compliance with its "Renovation Guide-

lines". The Court, in applying the "Business Judgment" rule, held that review of a board's actions should not be role of the judiciary unless the tenant shareholder could establish that the board's action was 1) beyond its authority under express terms of the proprietary lease, 2) taken in bad faith, 3) discriminatory, 4) had no legitimate relationship to the welfare of the co-op, or 5) taken without notice or consideration of relevant facts.

Following Levandusky, *Id.*, the business judgment rule has been expanded to prohibitions against or limitations upon the subletting of apartments, policies regarding purchasing and selling of shares, the imposition of sublet fees and flip taxes, the assignment of parking spaces, the hiring of subcontractors and many other areas.

The recent Pullman case, in this author's opinion, in extending the Levandusky Business Judgment, *laissez faire* principle to eviction from, and forfeiture of, one's residence, without judicial intervention, is a travesty with potential for coop board abuse. ♦

Article submitted by Claire Meadow, Esq., currently associated as counsel with Reliable Title Agency, 235 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, N.Y. 10605.

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soon-to-be live website.

Skill and raffle prizes were graciously donated by sponsors, and our own Claire Meadow was the evening's MC, bestowing congratulations, prizes and thanks during the open-bar and elegant cocktail party which was sponsored by **Westgroup** and **Reliable Title**. We gave skill prizes for men and women's longest drive, closest to the pin and closest to the line. Attorney Janet Giris won longest drive, Michele Silva won closest to the pin, and first time player, Julie Kattan, won closest to the line. On the men's side, Scott Sanford won longest drive with a magnificent drive Tiger Woods would have been proud of. Richard Krasner, a guest of attorney James Scalise, took the prize for closest to the pin, and Larchmont, CPA, Robert Barber, won closest to the line.

The best team, consisting of attorneys Warren Cohen, Peter Doran, Charles Wood, and Lawrence Reinhartz of Merrill Lynch Private Client Group, demonstrated their prowess with an enviable low gross score of 69 and won pro shop gift certificates. We had no worst team, just one needing the most improvement. The lucky team, whose names are being withheld to protect their golf careers, each won a Hampshire Country Club bag filled with 50 "experienced" golf balls so they can practice, practice, practice. Watch out for them in 2004!

Sponsors and players are already lining up for next year, and we have some wonderful surprises in store, so mark your calendars to join the WWBA on Thursday, **September 23, 2004** for OUR Third Annual Golf Outing.

The WWBA thanks the many law firms and businesses whose invaluable contributions of prizes and sponsorships benefited prize-winning players and the WWBA to enable it to continue on its missions to assist women, children and attorneys in Westchester County. The WWBA Foundation thanks all the players who supported the Foundation by purchasing Mulligan's (golfer's do-overs).

The WWBA also thanks last, but not least, the golf committee members who worked tirelessly and now look forward to planning next year's event. Thanks to Claire Meadow, Kathy N. Rosenthal, Michelle A. Silva, Jeffrey S. Goldstein, the hole-in-one spotters, Rabbi Mickey Stanger and Harvey Braunstein, the goodie-bag stuffers and all the people who helped along the way, including WWBA executive director Linda Surace. The committee also thanks the staff at the **Hampshire Country Club** whose expertise and graciousness made it easy to have fun, and we thank the WWBA Board for its support. Volunteers for Golf 2004 are welcomed, and can call Kathy Rosenthal at 914.347.1292. ♦



L to R: Irene Sandford, Fran Vitano, prize-winner Scott Sandford, and Susan Simon



L to R: Claire Meadow, Ruth Melnikoff, Kathy Rosenthal

Thanks again to the following sponsors who contributed to make the WWBA Golf Outing an above-par event.

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L to R: Ellen Shapiro, Ann McNulty, Gail Boggio

Committee Activities

Outreach Committee

Deborah A. Scalise, Chair of the WWBA Outreach Committee, is pleased to announce that on November 7, 2003, WWBA director, Magistrate Judge Lisa Margaret Smith, will speak to fifth-grade students at the Greenvale Elementary School on, "The Judicial Branch of the Federal Government." ♦

Matrimonial with Tax and Estates Committees

On January 13, 2003, there will be a joint meeting with the Matrimonial and Trusts and Estates Committees. The topic is "Estate Planning for the Matrimonial Client." Speakers will include: Susan Brown, Esq., Karen Walsh, Esq. and Rita Gilbert, Esq. The meeting will be held at the Bank of New York, 123 Main Street, White Plains, N.Y. from 6:00-8:00p.m. The cost will be \$20.00 with a light supper served. CLE approval is pending. ♦

Practice Management and Matrimonial Committees

Over forty WWBA members attended on October 22, 2003, the excellent CLE program, "What to do When the Client Doesn't Pay." Deborah Scalise, Timothy Brennan and Sylvia Fabriani (all alumni of the Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District) and Sylvia Goldschmitt (Co-chair of our Matrimonial Committee) are all now in private practice and shared their extensive client experiences, as well as their knowledge of ethics, with us. Lisa Solomon, Audrey Stone (Co-chairs of the WWBA Practice Management Committee) and Lonya Gilbert (Co-Chair of our Matrimonial Committee) did a tremendous job in organizing this entertaining and helpful program. ♦

Trusts & Estates Committee Update

On 11/5/03 the WWBA is co-sponsoring a Trusts & Estate's Update program with the Arthritis Foundation New York Chapter and Citibank. This Trusts & Estates Update will be held at the Citigroup Executive Planning Center, 188 King Street, Armonk, NY 10504. The cost will be \$55 for WWBA members, \$65 to non-members. Speakers include the esteemed Joshua S. Rubenstein, Esq. and Bernard A. Krooks, Esq. Registration and breakfast, courtesy of Citibank, begins at 8 a.m., and the program runs from 9 to 11:20 a.m., with a question and answer period thereafter. We have made application that this program be approved for CLE credit in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board for a maximum of 2 ½ credit hours, transitional credit which can be used by newly admitted attorneys, which credit hours can be applied toward the professional practice requirement. Each hour may be counted only as satisfying one category of credit; duplicate credit for the same hour of instruction is not permitted. The program will also be available for CPA and CFP CE credits, so the program is open to attorneys, CPA's, CFP's, trust officers, etc. Please RSVP to Arlene E. Salzman, Associate Vice President Resource Development at the Arthritis Foundation New York Chapter, at 683-0842 or asalman@arthritis.org. ♦

Full and partial scholarships for all WWBA CLE programs, based on financial need, are available. For information on the guidelines and procedures for applying, please contact Kathy Rosenthal, Esq., CLE liaison for the WWBA at 347-1292. All requests are confidential.

Grievance/Ethics & Judiciary Committee

The WWBA Grievance/Ethics and Judiciary Committee will be presenting a program at the November 12, 2003 General Membership Committee Meeting. The Program is entitled "Ethics and Professionalism for Judges and Lawyers" and will be co-sponsored by the White Plains Bar Association. Please see page 1 of this Newsletter and the enclosed flyer for additional details. ♦

Employment Law Committee

Paula Kelly and Susan Corcoran, co-chairs of the Employment Law Committee, are pleased to announce that their first meeting will be on December 19th from 12:45-2:00 pm at Jackson Lewis, 1 North Broadway, White Plains, 15th Floor, and approval for 1 CLE credit is pending. Bob Lewis, an employment mediator, will present "Common Mediation Mistakes Lawyers Make, Designing an Internal ADR Program, and Mandatory Arbitration." On or before 12/10/03, RSVP to Susan M. Corcoran, Esq., tel. (914)328-0404; fax (914)328-1882; e-mail: corcoras@jacksonlewis.com.

The next meeting will be January 21, 2004, from 6 - 7 pm at the law offices of Goodstein & West in New Rochelle. More details in the next newsletter. ♦

Making Dates and Getting Published

Please schedule all WWBA events through Kimberly Thomsen, Corresponding Secretary and Editor-in-Chief of the WWBA Newsletter. 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 kthomsen@kiscolaw.com. Attachments should be sent in WordPerfect, Word or .rtf format. If you do not have e-mail capability, please mail or fax your submission to Kimberly at Banks Shapiro Gettinger Waldinger & Brennan, LLP, 118 North Bedford Road, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549, Telephone (914) 666-8033, Fax (914) 666-4459. ♦

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WWBA Foundation

The Westchester Women's Bar Association Foundation (the "Foundation") was created to foster among the public a better understanding of the law, the legal profession and the role of women in society and in the legal profession. The foundation grants scholarships to a variety of different organizations, ranging from New Rochelle High School to Pace University School of Law. Our goal is to promote and recognize, among both the public and members of the legal profession, a better understanding of all the achievements and contributions of women attorneys.

Our hope is to improve the administration of justice and promote the fair and equal treatment of women under the law and in legal institutions, including the legal profession itself.

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On December 10, 2004, the Foundation will begin selling cards at the WWBA Holiday Party. The cards will state that a donation has been made to the Foundation in honor or in memory of a particular person/occasion. The cost will be \$25.00 each or 5 cards for \$100.00. ♦

Highlights of the WBASNY Meeting September 13, 2003

On September 13, 2003 WBASNY met in New York for the fall Board Meeting. The WWBA was well represented at this event. Some of the highlights of the meeting are as follows:

Congratulations to WWBA member Deborah Scalse who has been appointed as Vice President and Chair of The Ethics and Professional Responsibility Section of WBASNY. Also, a heartfelt welcome to the new Adirondack Chapter of WBASNY.

WBASNY is working on issues of importance to our members and New York State in general. We voted to work on a task force that determines compensation for the 18-B Panel, to oppose the anti-choice Bills pending in the legislature and to add the clergy to the group of mandatory reporters of child abuse. A decision on the proposal to expand the duration of Orders of Protection was tabled until the November meeting.

The general meeting also included discussions concerning TLC, "Trial Lawyers Care," a pro-bono group that provides assistance to the victims of 9/11 in an effort to help them with access to the Victims Compensation Fund.

The membership displayed great excitement about the plans for WBASNY's special 25th Year Convention in New Orleans.

Our next WBASNY meeting will take place in Manhattan on November 12th, 2003. ♦

Notes on Members

Lisa M. Bluestein is pleased to announce the opening of her new firm, Law Offices of Lisa M. Bluestein, LLC. The firm, located at 5 Sun Valley Heights Road, North Salem, NY 10560, tel. 914-276-3935, is a general practice focusing on providing cost-effective and creative transaction and litigation solutions for small to medium businesses, many of which are in the construction industry. Other areas of practice include real estate, creditors' rights and wills.

At the Judicial Convention this September for the Democrat, Independence and Working Families parties, the **Hon. JoAnn Friia** (a sustaining member of the WWBA) was nominated for State Supreme Court Justice (Ninth Judicial District) and will be running this November 4th. Judge Friia was also awarded a grant from the Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy Fund, an organization supporting New York women candidates for elective office.

Hon. Annette L. Guarino, a sustaining member of the WWBA, currently serving on the Family Court bench after nomination by the Governor and confirmation by the NYS Senate, is running in the November 4th election for a full term on the Westchester Family Court. ♦

WWBA Holiday Party and Crafts Fair

The WWBA holiday party will be held on December 10, 2003 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Women's Club of White Plains. The snow date is January 7, 2004. In addition to the usual holiday cheer, a craft sale and boutique will be held at the party. This should provide an opportunity to make shopping for your holiday needs convenient and stress free. A beautiful selection of fine handmade ceramics, jewelry, glassware, sweaters, decorative accessories and more will be available. Some vendors accept check or cash only, so come prepared. Please call Lisa Newfield with any inquiries about this event at (914) 946-3700. ♦

Office Space Sought/Available

Two sunny windowed offices available starting December 1st (possibility of earlier) in attractive, congenial attorney suite. Conveniently located at the intersection of 287 and 119. Receptionist, conference room, parking, kitchen, copier, fax, NYLJ and library included. Secretarial/clerical space available. Call Linda Markowitz or Kathy Rosenthal at (914) 347-1292.

Office space available in class "A" building in White Plains, N.Y. Close to train & courts. Reception, conference room and parking. Call Don Silverman (914) 683-5300.

NYC Attorney, with practice in business, family and immigration law, seeks use of conference room and small office in or near White Plains for occasional client meetings. Please contact C. Ryan at 646-479-6122 (cell) or cdryan@visalaw.com. ♦

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Upcoming CLE Programs

Pace Women's Justice Center Summer/Fall Family Law Lecture Series

The PWJC is pleased to offer the following free programs in its Fall 2003 family law lecture series.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CUSTODY AND CHILD SUPPORT. Presented by: Carol Most, Esq.

Tuesday, November 18, 2003 • 7:00-9:00PM • Cost: Free • Please contact Judy Russo to register at (914) 422-4069 or judyrusso@law.pace.edu.

SEX, LIES, AND FAMILY COURT. Sponsor: NYS Association of Family and Conciliation Courts • Friday, November 21, 2003 • 8:30AM-3:30PM
Cost: \$95 for AFCC-NY Members & Judiciary; \$125 for non-members; \$35 for students; \$35 for CLE credits

Includes lunch and program materials. Hardship policy is available.

Contact (for this program only): efrazier@courts.state.ny.us. ♦

General Membership Meeting

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Civility: How to behave professionally on, off and before the bench; Complaints: How to make or deal with a complaint to the Grievance and Committee and/or the Judicial Conduct Commission.

The speakers at the program will be the Honorable George Marlow, Appellate Division First Department; the Honorable Janet DiFiore, Westchester County Supreme Court; the Honorable Linda Jamieson, Westchester County Supreme Court; Gerald Stern, Esq., Judicial Conduct Commission; Gary Casella, Esq., Chief Counsel to the Grievance Committee; Timothy Brennan, Esq., Banks Shapiro Gettinger Waldinger & Brennan; and Deborah A. Scalise, Esq.

This program is pending CLE approval for two(2) credits in Ethics and Professionalism. Please see the enclosed flyer for additional details. Please direct your questions regarding the program to Deborah Scalise, Esq. at (914) 347-5370. ♦

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WWBA Schedule of Upcoming Events

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Other Important Events

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