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MEET THE ENTIRE BENCH OF THE NEW YORK STATE COURT OF APPEALS

The NRBA Court of Appeals Dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at The Fountainhead, 55 Quaker Ridge Road, New Rochelle, NY from 6:30 P.M to 10 P.M. Because the Court is sitting in White Plains that week, we expect that **all** the judges will be attending and mingling with the other guests. **Limited** tickets to participate in this rare networking opportunity are still available and may be purchased at: <http://www.nrbar.org/>. Please contact Ron Zezima at rvzesq@aol.com with any questions.



IN MEMORIAM



The NRBA mourns the passing of Court of Appeals Judge Sheila Abdus-Salaam. She was a friend of the NRBA who attended the last three Court of Appeals dinners and who served as the key note speaker at the 2016 dinner. A graduate of Barnard College and Columbia Law School, Judge Abdus-Salaam began her legal career at East Brooklyn Legal Services, followed by the New York State Department of Law and New York City Office of Labor Services. She commenced her judicial career by serving on the New York City Civil Court, and later, to the New York State Supreme Court. In 2009, Governor Cuomo designated her to the Appellate Division-First Department. In April and May 2013, Judge Abdus-Salaam was nominated and confirmed to serve on the New York State Court of Appeals.

A public memorial service will be held on May 26, 2017 at 11 AM at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My Dear Colleagues and Friends:

JUDGE SHEILA ABDUS-SALAAM

The New Rochelle Bar Association lost a good friend and supporter with the passing of Judge Sheila Abdus-Salaam. Since her appointment to the Court of Appeals Judge Abdus-Salaam had attended the annual NRBA Court of Appeals Dinners and was last year's speaker at the dinner. She was a dedicated, hardworking jurist. Judge Abdus-Salaam was a truly nice, good hearted person. She will be missed by everyone fortunate to have met and known her.

SURROGATES' DINNER

The NRBA welcomed in the New Year with the annual Surrogate's Dinner which was held on January 12, 2017 at Juliano's Caterers at 700 Main Street, New Rochelle. The evening was sponsored and supported by Benchmark Title Agency and our longtime NRBA member Roseanne Picone. Ms. Picone is the Vice President/Sales at Benchmark Title. Lori Corini and John Giacobbe planned and organized the dinner. The weather cooperated, it was a warm mid-winter afternoon and attendance at the dinner exceeded expectations. Approximately 65 NRBA members and guests heard remarks

delivered by Westchester County Surrogate Judge Brandon Sall, and the newly elected Westchester District Attorney, and former Westchester Surrogate Judge, Anthony Scarpino. They each had to leave prior to the dinner portion of the evening. A great friend and supporter of the NRBA, Senator George Latimer attended the cocktail hour.

As the salad was being served Bronx County Surrogate Judge Nelida Malave-Gonzalez honored the NRBA with her second appearance at the annual dinner. She spoke briefly about the Bronx County Surrogate Court and then she introduced her Chief Clerk, Michael P. Hausler. Mr. Hausler discussed requirements for posting surety bonds and how to maybe get the requirement waived under certain circumstances. He also discussed staff reductions due to budget constraints. Judge Malave-Gonzalez was accompanied by Court Officer Jay Toro. An interested factoid about Judge Malave-Gonzalez, for a number of years she had lived in New Rochelle. Michael Hausler, before he was married, also had lived in New Rochelle.

The final notable guest to speak at the dinner was the Chief Clerk for the Westchester Surrogate Court, Sandra DelValle. Ms. DelValle did not reside in New Rochelle, but she was pleased to return to the NRBA to discuss the electronic filing requirements of the Westchester Surrogate Court.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

THOMAS E. WALSH II

Earlier in the day on January 12, 2017 at the Rockland County Legislative Chamber, I represented the NRBA at the Supreme Court induction ceremony for the Hon. Thomas E. Walsh, II as the oath of office was administered by the Hon. Brandon Sall. Justice Walsh and I were classmates and friends at St. John's University School of Law. I was pleased and happy to be able to attend the ceremony. Last year, then as the Rockland County Surrogate, Justice Walsh attended the NRBA Surrogates Dinner.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JANET MALONE

With some local pride, on January 19, 2017, representatives of the NRBA attended the ceremonies for the Hon. Janet C. Malone as she was inducted as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. Former NRBA president Paula Johnson Kelly was there to represent the NRBA and as one of numerous friends of the new Supreme Court Justice.

NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

On January 27, 2017, I represented the NRBA at the New York State Bar Association Annual Meeting. I attended the 2017 Bar Leaders Innovation Awards Breakfast. Previously the NRBA's Lawyer in the Classroom program has been a recipient of the Small Bar Associations award. I also attended the annual meetings of the New York State Bar Foundation, New York State Bar Association Annual Meeting where Sherry Wallach was nominated and elected to be the next secretary of NYSBA. Finally I attended the House of Delegates meeting which was addressed by Chief Judge Janet DiFiore. These activities were followed by the annual St. John's Law School Alumni Luncheon. I am mentioning these events partially to inform those of you who may be interested in being involved with the NYSBA or the Westchester County Bar Association that there are opportunities for your involvement as a representative of the NRBA. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANTHONY SCARPINO

Judge Anthony Scarpino was sworn in to be the Westchester District Attorney at midnight on January 1, 2017, but the public swearing in ceremony occurred at the Westchester County Courthouse on February 2, 2017. The NRBA was officially represented at the ceremony by a delegation led by past president Paula Johnson

Kelly. She reported for the Newsletter that the swearing in ceremony was well attended. Chief Judge Janet DiFiore administered the ceremonial oath of office. All of the Westchester County Supreme Court Justices, County Executive Rob Astorino, the mayors from White Plains, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle, Assembly Member Amy Paulin and Senator George Latimer witnessed the ceremony. The NRBA delegation was acknowledged, along with other bar associations. NRBA members at the ceremonial swearing in were included Frank and Carmelina DiMarco, Julie Kattan, John Giacobbe and Andrew Spatz.

NYS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION REFERENDUM

Michele Tombini attended the February 7, 2017 League of Women Voters program about the New York State's Constitutional Convention question that will be on the November ballot. It is a topic that should be understood and followed by the NRBA membership. If the Judiciary Article of the NYS Constitution is amended or modified it will have an impact on how the NYS Courts are organized and administered. It could change how judges are selected. I am thinking that this is an important enough topic that it should be a CLE program next Fall before the November vote.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

POETRY READINGS

The NRBA continues to be involved with the New Rochelle community in many ways. On February 16th the New Rochelle Youth Bureau and Strive Leadership Academy held a poetry reading at New Rochelle City Hall. NRBA Director Damon Maher attended the event as the NRBA representative. The youthful poets read their "Reflections", which were their poetic expressions celebrating Black History Month.

OFFICERS' AND DIRECTORS' DINNER

The leaders of the NRBA meet for dinner at Posto 22 on February 24th. Carmelina and Frank DiMarco organized the dinner. It gave the officers and directors of the NRBA an opportunity to spend time together as a group with our spouses in a social setting. I appreciate Carmelina and Frank's efforts in planning the dinner. It was an enjoyable evening.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The NRBA with the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation are collaborating to present a series of programs for the public at the Library. Ron Zezima and Chris Selin are organizing these public service legal programs. On Monday, March 27, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. City Judges Susan Kettner and Anthony Carbone discussed the New Rochelle Small Claims Court, Landlord-Tenant Court and Municipal Violation Hearings. The panel discussion was attended by more than 40 people.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

On March 8th, as the Scarsdale Town Justice, I toured the Westchester County Jail. It is an annual requirement for the judges of the village and town courts. I have been encouraging the members of the Westchester County Magistrates Association to attend our events.

During the past three months, I have attended the Westchester County Bar Association board meetings. I have also been attending the CLE luncheons and meetings of the Mamaroneck Larchmont Harrison Bar Association. NRBA member Denise Ward is the President of the MHL Bar Association and the Port Chester Bar Association. I would encourage our members, particularly those with offices in Mamaroneck, Harrison and Larchmont, to also attend the MHL Bar CLE luncheons.

CONDOLENCES

The NRBA extends its condolences to the Hon. Helen Blackwood, Judge of the Westchester County Court, on the passing of her father Hon. Ronald A. Blackwood. The Hon. Ronald A. Blackwood was born in Jamaica and immigrated to the United States in search of a better life. Westchester was the better for his decision. He arrived in Mount Vernon at the age of 28 and then graduated with a B.B.A. in Management from Iona College. In 1984 Ron A. Blackwood, after having served as a City Councilman, President of the City Council and Interim Mayor, was elected to be the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon. His vision for the City of Mount Vernon was that it should be a "city where people live in harmony." Throughout his life he succeeded in that mission of bringing people together. Our community benefited from his vision, his humanity and his public service.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The NRBA thanks the nominating committee led by its Chairperson, Damon Maher, with Laurie Korngold and Milton Kreppel. The committee was tasked with finding a replacement for the NRBA treasurer Julie B. Zgoda. We are gratefully appreciative of Ms. Zgoda's able service as the NRBA treasurer. She is relocating to the Nassau County office of Helwig, Henderson, LaMagna, Gray & Spinola, LLP. Andrew W. Buder, an associate attorney with Kommer, Bave & Ollman has been nominated to replace Ms. Zgoda. Past president Paula Johnson Kelly will be leaving the Board. Michele Tombini, Ron Zezima, Lori Corini and I were nominated to continue as the NRBA officers. All of the directors will be continuing to serve. Pending the election in June the officers for 2017/2018 will be Vice-Presidents, Michele Tombini and Ronald Zezima, Secretary Lori Corini, and Treasurer Andrew Buder. The members of the Board of Directors of the NRBA will be Warren Agatston, Frank DiMarco, Mike Faust, John A.

Giacobbe, Mark Griffin, David Lacher, Damon Maher, Jennifer Pasquantonio and Richard Weiss.

The NRBA at its February Board meeting passed a resolution recognizing our past president Richard Sosis' many contributions over the past decades to the NRBA. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of his admission to the practice of law before the courts of the State of New York.

Many NRBA members deserve recognition and thanks for their efforts this year on behalf of the bar association. Michele Tombini and Ron Zezima have stood out as invaluable planners and organizers of our activities and events. They have contributed time and again as the people making the NRBA a success. The 10th Annual Court of Appeals Dinner would not have happened without them.

Mark Griffin, our editor-in-chief of the NRBA Newsletter, has been our go to techy with the launch in January of the new NRBA website. He also has the responsibility of sending out our email blasts. As editor-in-chief he has patiently handled this writer's missed deadlines.

PLANNED EVENTS

The annual Court of Appeals dinner will be held at the Fountainhead on April 25, 2017 starting at 6:30. The final events of the 2016/2017 NRBA calendar will be the June 7th picnic at Five Islands Park and a CLE on marketing yourself to build your law practice with Jamie Fields, Esq. as the guest speaker on June 14th.

LAW, YOUTH AND CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM OF THE NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

As part of the Lawyer in the Classroom program the NRBA distributes copies of the United States Constitution city wide to each of the students in New Rochelle's 5th grade. This year Richard Grayson obtained the copies from the Law, Youth and Citizenship Program of The New York State

Bar Association. In appreciation of the contribution of the Constitutions the NRBA made a contribution to the Law, Youth and Citizenship Program. In return a note was received acknowledging the donation. Martha M. Noordsy, the director of the program, wrote, "Thank you for your kind donation to the LVC restricted fund. This gift will allow a student to attend the Mock Trial Summer Institute. This contribution will help a deserving student to attend this great program. Thank you for your support. All the best. Matha M. Noordsy"

FINAL WORDS

If you have life events, accomplishments or any news that you want to share with the members of the NRBA please feel free to email your notes to either the Newsletter Editor-In-Chief Mark Griffin or to me. Please, if you have still not paid the 2017 NRBA dues, mail the check. Thank you for your support of the NRBA and its activities.

Yours,

Jeffrey Levin



NRBA LAWYER IN THE CLASSROOM UPDATE

By Ronald V. Zezima, Esq.



On April 17, 2017, NRBA member Joyce Furfero, a professor at St. John's University, and Corey Andrews, a 5th grade teacher at Ward Elementary School, will conduct a 2 credit CLE training session for our volunteers. The volunteer lawyers will review case materials used in the course to explain basic concepts of constitutional law and will learn how to appropriately convey the subject matter to fifth graders. The classroom presentations will take place on four consecutive weeks in the month of May 2017. Last year, our program was enthusiastically received by over 800 students, each of whom received a Certificate of Completion signed by Dr. Brian Osborne, the Superintendent of Schools, and by our Past President, Paula Johnson Kelly.

This project is approved for Pro Bono credit by the Office of Court Administration. If you can spare an afternoon once a week and are looking for an interesting Pro Bono project, contact Ronald Zezima at rvzesq@aol.com.



PRESIDENT TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING IMMIGRATION IN THE UNITED STATES

By Douglas Stone, Esq.



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President Trump issued three Executive Orders on immigration on January 25, 2017 – “Executive Order: Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the U.S.”, “Executive Order: Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements”, and “Executive Order: Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States”.

This article focuses on key sections of the Order regarding “Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States”. New Rochelle and the New

York area, which have large immigrant populations, are particularly affected.

Section 1. Purpose

President Trump asserts that “Many aliens who illegally enter the United States and those who overstay or otherwise violate the terms of their visas present a significant threat to national security and public safety.” Most research, though, indicates that undocumented immigrants commit crimes at lower rates than natural born citizens.

The Order continues: “Sanctuary jurisdictions across the United States willfully violate Federal law in an attempt to shield aliens from removal from the United States. These jurisdictions have caused immeasurable harm to the American people and to the very fabric of our Republic.”

The term “sanctuary jurisdiction” generally refers to a jurisdiction which permits residence by undocumented immigrants by refusing to help the Federal government enforce immigration laws. These jurisdictions prohibit police from questioning people about their immigration status. California, Connecticut, New Mexico, Colorado, New York City and Nassau County are known as sanctuary jurisdictions. New Rochelle, Mamaroneck, Port Chester, Yonkers and White Plains are local cities that welcome immigrants. Despite the statement in the Order, no federal law requires local jurisdictions to aid ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

President Trump states in the Order: “We cannot faithfully execute the immigration laws of the United States if we exempt classes or categories of removable aliens from potential enforcement. The purpose of this order is to direct executive departments and agencies to employ all lawful means to enforce the immigration laws of the United States.” These words suggest the Trump Administration wants to deport (remove) the estimated 11 or 12 million people who are here

illegally. Opponents consider this an unrealistic mission that the country lacks the will or resources to execute.

Section 2. Policy

President Trump states, among other things, that “It is the policy of the executive branch to....ensure that jurisdictions that fail to comply with applicable Federal law do not receive Federal funds, except as mandated by law.” On March 27, 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions highlighted this policy at a press conference at the White House.

Section 4. Enforcement of the Immigration Laws in the Interior of the United States

President Trump states “...I hereby direct agencies to employ all lawful means to ensure the faithful execution of the immigration laws of the United States against all removable aliens.”

Section 5. Enforcement Priorities

President Trump stated a dramatic change in enforcement policy to prioritize for removal all removable aliens, including those who “Have been charged with any criminal offense, where such charge has not been resolved...” This means that, if enforced, an alien who entered legally on a nonimmigrant visa, overstayed, and was then charged with a crime, could be put in removal proceedings while the charge is pending. It is unlikely this would survive legal challenge. As to prioritizing for removal all removable aliens, there is a saying that if everything is a priority, nothing is a priority.

This new policy reverses the Obama Administration policy, which prioritized enforcement and removal policies, using prosecutorial discretion, to focus on aliens who were threats to national security, who were apprehended at the border or a port of entry while trying to illegally enter the U.S., and those convicted of felonies, unless they qualify for asylum or other legal relief.

Section 7. Additional Enforcement and Removal Officers.

The President states that the Secretary of Homeland Security shall act to hire 10,000 additional immigration officers, to be trained and authorized to perform law enforcement functions. On February 20, Secretary Kelly announced that ICE will act to expeditiously hire 10,000 agents and officers. Immigration advocates worry that these new employees will be inadequately trained and supervised and may act aggressively and illegally. Local police in many jurisdictions, including New Rochelle and New York City, have objected to authorization for ICE agents to perform legal functions.

Section 8. Federal-State Agreements.

The Order states: “It is the policy of the executive branch to empower State and local law enforcement agencies across the country to perform the functions of an immigration officer in the interior of the United States to the maximum extent permitted by law.” It further states: “to the extent authorized by law...the Secretary shall take appropriate action...to authorize State and local law enforcement officials, as the Secretary determines are qualified and appropriate, to perform the functions of immigration officers in relation to the investigation, apprehension, or detention of aliens in the United States under the direction and the supervision of the Secretary.”

Section 9. Sanctuary Jurisdictions.

The Order states that the Attorney General and Secretary of DHS, in their discretion, “shall ensure that jurisdictions that willfully refuse to comply with” ICE’s efforts to detain removable aliens “are not eligible to receive Federal grants”, except as the Attorney General or Secretary deem necessary for law enforcement purposes.

President Trump further states: “To better inform the public regarding the public safety threats associated with sanctuary jurisdictions, the

Secretary shall utilize the Declined Detainer Outcome Report or its equivalent and, on a weekly basis, make public a comprehensive list of criminal actions committed by aliens and any jurisdiction that ignored or otherwise failed to honor any detainers with respect to such aliens.” ICE issued its first such report on March 20, 2017.

Section 10. Review of Previous Immigration Actions and Policies.

President Trump states: “The Secretary shall immediately take all appropriate action to terminate the Priority Enforcement Program (PEP)...” and reinstitute the “Secure Communities” program. Secure Communities is a program, started in 2008, that relies on cooperation between Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and was designed to identify prisoners who are deportable. The Obama Administration ended it in 2014 because it drove a wedge between immigrant communities and local law enforcement. Governors, mayors, states and local law enforcement refused to cooperate with it and many federal courts rejected local law enforcement’s authority to detain people under the program.

Section 13. Office for Victims of Crimes Committed by Removable Aliens.

The President states that the Secretary will establish this office and it “shall provide quarterly reports studying the effects of victimization by criminal aliens present in the United States.” He highlighted this plan in his address to Congress on February 28. Senator Bernie Sanders criticized Trump’s use of victims to promote his agenda, stating “He is stirring up fear and hatred against immigrants and trying to divide our nation.”

Section 14. Privacy Act.

President Trump states: “Agencies shall, to the extent consistent with applicable law, ensure that their privacy policies exclude persons who are not United States citizens or lawful permanent resident from the protections of the Privacy Act regarding

personally identifiable information.” DHS Secretary Kelly later stated that ICE will collect and report data on Alien Apprehensions and Releases. He states that ICE shall provide monthly public reports regarding apprehended aliens, including these categories: “country of citizenship, convicted criminals and the natures of their offenses, gang members, prior immigration violators, custody status of aliens, and, if released, the reason for release and location of their release, aliens ordered removed, and aliens physically removed or returned.” He also states that ICE shall publish weekly reports “of non-Federal jurisdictions that release aliens from their custody, notwithstanding that such aliens are subject to a detainer or similar request for custody issued by ICE to that jurisdiction.” It appears the purpose of the reports is public shaming. People who willingly disclosed information during the Obama administration, such as for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, fear that the government may use this information to deport them and family members.

President Trump’s Order and statements regarding immigration law enforcement have created huge anxiety in the immigrant community. He has suggested that all removable aliens are targets and has done little to clarify the reach of his new policy.

On January 26, 2017, New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson, City Manager Chuck Strome and Police Commissioner Patrick Carroll issued this statement:

“Yesterday, President Trump issued executive orders related to immigration, one of which concerns coordination between Federal immigration authorities and local police departments....The term ‘sanctuary city’ has no precise definition, and we do not use it in New Rochelle, but we do make absolutely clear that all people of good will are welcomed, valued and respected in our community, regardless of their origins, and that immigrants are

an essential part of New Rochelle’s identity and future. For our Police Department, maintaining a respectful and mutually supportive relationship with all constituencies is not just the right thing to do, it is also necessary to the promotion of public safety, which depends on trust and the free flow of information. That is why local police departments are not and should not engage in immigration enforcement – and our practices in New Rochelle reflect and support this principle. Of course, the New Rochelle Police Department will continue coordinating with federal authorities to apprehend and bring to justice criminals who threaten our safety, regardless of their immigration status.”



**COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE NRBA
AND THE NEW ROCHELLE PUBLIC
LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE
By Ronald V. Zezima, Esq.**

The NRBA and the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation (“NRPLF”) are collaborating on a series of “Law in the Library” workshops offered to the public for free at the New Rochelle Public Library. The NRBA provides panels of speakers on various topics of general interest.

On March 27th, the Bar Association in conjunction with the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation (“NRPLF”) co-sponsored the second in a series of “Law at the Library” events, entitled “Inside the New Rochelle City Court”. Vice-President Ronald Zezima moderated a panel discussion presented by City Court Judges Anthony Carbone and Susan Kettner covering a wide range of subjects within the jurisdiction of the City Court, including landlord-tenant, small claims, criminal, municipal violations, and DWI. The audience,

composed of a broad range of community members, had the rare opportunity to hear the judges' personal observations and reflections on the daily workings of the Court, followed by a lively Q & A session.

The next event in the series, "Real Estate Law: Legalities of Buying or Selling a Home", will be presented on Saturday, May 20th at 11:00 AM.

The fourth presentation will be held on Monday, September 25th at 5:30 P.M., and the topic will be "Separation, Divorce and Custody Issues." We look forward to future collaborations with the NRPLF, and invite any members interested in conducting a workshop for the public at the Library to contact NRBA Vice President Ronald Zezima at: rvzesq@aol.com.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CLEs

Since the last NRBA Newsletter the NRBA CLE programs have included four excellent programs. On January 18, 2017 the Hon. Carl Finger with Mount Vernon Associate City Judge Adam Seiden continued with Part Two of his Landlord & Tenant Law CLE. Part One of the CLE was presented last January and Mr. Finger still had not reached the second half of his planned presentation when the clock struck 8:00 P.M. The CLE was held in the Sterling National Bank's conference room located at 21 Scarsdale Road in Yonkers. Sterling National Bank was the venue sponsor for the CLE. Stewart Title Insurance Company and Holly Hasbrouck, the Stewart Title sales executive who is working with the NRBA, provided the lite dinner that was served at the CLE. The NRBA is excited to have Stewart Title

Insurance Company as a supporter. This was the first NRBA event sponsored by Stewart Title.

David Lacher, a member of the New Rochelle Board of Education and a director of the NRBA, spoke on February 15, 2017 at the New Rochelle Public Library about the landmark New Rochelle defacto segregation case, *Taylor v. Board of Education of the City of New Rochelle*. The two credit CLE explored the history of this landmark case. Michele Silverman Bedell of Silversons Realty baked brownies. Bagel Zone catered the dinner.

Richard Grayson and Joseph Ruhl were the speakers on March 9, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel. Their program was a two credit ethics discussion titled, "An Update on the Ethics Rules and Maintaining the Integrity of Your Escrow Account." Over 71 members attended the CLE.

The CLE for the Lawyers in the Classroom program was held at Ward School on April 17, 2017. A thorough "The Fourth Amendment Update" was presented by Professor A. Joyce Furfero. She is an Associate Professor of Economics at St. John's University and a practicing attorney. Corey Andrews, a social studies and fourth grade teacher at Ward School, with Ron Zezima has developed the curriculum for this award winning program. Mr. Andrews spoke to the CLE attendees regarding the program and how it is to be presented in the 5th grade classrooms this Spring.

On May 10th Anthony Enea, Esq. will be the CLE speaker. The title of his presentation is "Representing Clients With Diminished Capacity." It will be a two credit CLE. One of the credits will be an ethics credit. The CLE is being sponsored by TD Bank and Adam Kintish. The CLE will be held at the TD Bank branch in Larchmont at 107 Chatsworth Avenue, Larchmont, New York.

Finally on June 14th Jamie B. Field, Esq. will present a program on "Rain Making". Ms. Fields is a noted

speaker and consultant regarding how to build and market a law practice. Her insights and guidance should be of value to our members. The CLE will be held at the New Rochelle Public Library in the Ossie Davis Theater.

The fall CLE schedule is being planned. Dale Robyn Siegel of Circle Mortgage Group will be back to discuss current legal issues regarding the real estate closings and mortgages. The NRBA would encourage each of you to send us your suggestions for programs and speakers.

After each CLE the NRBA has continued to donate the surplus dinners to the men's shelter in White Plains.

The NRBA will be offering the following CLE programs:

1. *Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity*, May 10, 2017, to be presented by Anthony Enea, Esq., of Enea, Scanlan & Sirignano, LLP at the TD Bank, 107 Chatsworth Avenue, Larchmont, NY
2. *Rain Making*, June 14, 2017 by Jamie B. Field, Esq., of Marketing Field, LLC at the New Rochelle Public Library.

Expect to receive advance notices with particulars by e-mail of these and future CLEs. Information will also be posted at www.nrbar.org.

UPCOMING CLES:

For information on and reservations for our CLEs, or suggestions for future CLE topics, please contact **Jeffrey L. Levin, Esq.** at jeffrey.levin.law@gmail.com



A REMINDER ABOUT OUR SPONSORS

The following individuals and institutions have sponsored our CLEs and events in the past. We thank them for their support and ask our members to seriously consider engaging them for their services.

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Christine Gagliardi of TitleVest, 235 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 303, White Plains, NY 10605. Tel: (914) 304-8100 ext. 382.

Adam Kintish of TD Bank, 107 Chatsworth Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538. Cell: (914) 960-4243.

Brett Forman of First Nationwide Title (an AmTrust Financial Company), 220 East 42nd Street, Suite 3105, New York, NY 10017. Cell: (917) 837-6358.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS UPDATE

The NRBA has transitioned to a new membership software system, where membership is from January 1st through December 31st of the calendar year. Members who renew, and prospective members seeking to join the NRBA, should do so through the website. All renewing members must update their contact information, practice areas and other information online at <http://www.nrbar.org/> (by registering as a “new” member, once initially registered in the new system, annual renewals will be less cumbersome). When you load the website, enter the email address at which you currently receive NRBA notices as your login-in ID and click on the “Forgot Password” button to begin the registration process. If you have technical difficulties renewing online, please contact Hon. Jeffrey Levin at: jeffrey.levin.law@gmail.com and we will assist you.

If paying by physical check, please make it out to “New Rochelle Bar Association” and mail it to The New Rochelle Bar Association, P.O. Box 1863, New Rochelle, NY 10802. Even if you pay by check, you should log in and update your contact information to ensure that this information is current. If you need help with this, please contact the NRBA and we will assist you.



SURROGATE'S DINNER

On January 12, 2017, the NRBA held its annual Surrogate's Dinner at Juliano's Caterer's. We would like to thank **Tom DeCaro**, President and **Roseanne Picone**, Vice President, of **Benchmark Title Agency, LLC**, for generously sponsoring the event.

Notable guests included: Hon. Brandon Sall (Westchester County Surrogate); Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez (Bronx County Surrogate); Hon. Anthony Scarpino (Westchester County District Attorney); Hon. Susan Kettner (New Rochelle City Court); New Rochelle City Councilmember Barry Fertel; New Rochelle City Councilmember Jared Rice; Marianne Sussman (Former New Rochelle City Councilmember); and Greg Varian (New Rochelle Public Library Trustee).



NRBA Director John Giacobbe, NRBA Secretary Lori Corini, Roseanne Picone, NRBA Vice President Michele Tombini and Gregory Pappalardo.



Laurie Dallos, NRBA Director Mark Griffin, John Sullivan, NRBA Director John Giacobbe and Jacqueline Warner.



Westchester County Surrogate Brandon Sall and Westchester County District Attorney Anthony Scarpino.



Frank D'Onorfrio, Jr., NRBA Director David Lacher, Former NRBA President Richard Sosis, Michael Schiffres, Marianne Sussman and Chris Selin.



Bronx Surrogate Court Officer Jay Toro, Bronx Surrogate Nelida Malave-Gonzalez, Frank D'Onorfrio, Jr., Bronx Surrogate Chief Clerk Michael Hausler, NRBA Vice President Ron Zesima, NRBA President Jeffrey Levin, Westchester Surrogate Chief Clerk Sandra DelValle, and former NRBA President Paula Johnson-Kelly..



NRBA Director John Giacobbe with NRBA Secretary Lori Corini

[Other photos are available on the NRBA website.]



MEMBER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We congratulate NRBA member **Mathew Feinberg** on becoming an assistant attorney general at the New York Attorney General's office.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome our newest members:

Angelo John Marino, Esq.

Jaqueline J. Warner, Esq.

Artem Djukic, Esq.

Adam Sattler, Esq.

Mathew Rettner, Esq.

Nyasha Laing, Esq.



NRBA UPCOMING EVENTS

The NRBA Annual Meeting and Picnic, where Board Officers and Directors are elected, is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2017, from 5 pm to 9 pm at Five Islands Park, New Rochelle, NY. Details will be sent via email and posted on the website.



MEMBERSHIP DUES & PAYMENT METHODS REMINDER

Annual NRBA Membership runs from the calendar year from January 1st through December 31st. Dues must be paid before a member can attend a CLE. Membership dues and event ticket purchases may now be done on the NRBA's website (<http://www.nrbar.org>).



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With our website members can obtain information concerning our Bar, its activities, and general legal and community news. We welcome feedback.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

For an up-to-date listing of scheduled events, including CLEs and dinner meetings, kindly view existing event postings on our website: www.nrbar.org.

For reservations for any of our upcoming dinners or events please contact Treasurer **Julie Zgoda, Esq.**, New Rochelle Bar Association, P.O. Box 1863, New Rochelle, NY 10802.

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