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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My Dear Colleagues and Friends;

How time flies! It feels like it was only a few months ago that I was writing my first "President's Message" for the NRBA Newsletter. It is hard to believe it has been two years. Now, I sit down to write my last column. As my second year, and my term, as your President ends I wanted to step back and reflect on my exceptional experience, thanks to your votes of confidence. It has been a great term for me and, I believe, a great year for our Bar Association.

As had been our goal, we succeeded in providing our members more informative and interesting CLEs on current and relevant topics presented in new and different locations. I have to give a big thanks to Jeff Levin for all his hard work these last two years. Just this year alone we learned the basics of landlord & tenant law, recent developments in immigration law and discussed the Mexican border issues that are a major topic for a presidential candidate, ethical issues of maintaining our escrow accounts and the new disciplinary rules that go into effect July 1st, about Medicaid as a creditor and its effects on estates, pre- and post-judgment issues in matrimonial actions, and then we went to criminal law "Bootcamp." This year, the Bar was fortunate to have judicial presenters Hon.

Victor Grossman and our members, Hon. Anthony Carbone and Hon. Janet Malone. Our diverse group of speakers included such knowledgeable presenters as Carl Finger, Joe Sena, Jr., and Mayo Bartlett, as well as from our own members Treasurer Patty Bave, Rachel Ciccone, Andrew Spatz, Joe Ruhl, Gerald DeFeo, CPA, and last but not at all the least Richard Grayson. The CLEs have been held in such diverse locations as in a bank, the New Rochelle Library and overlooking a lake at a country club. We have also been very fortunate to have as sponsors and supporters of our CLEs Kommer, Bave & Ollman, Sterling National Bank, Orange Bank & Trust, and our newest sponsor, Brett Forman and the First Nationwide Title Agency, LLC. It is only with the help of these sponsors that we were able to provide our members with these great CLEs at no cost. Please consider this and use our sponsors' services whenever possible. Though the officers are changing, the CLE Committee has already set up equally informative CLEs for this upcoming fall. We start our fall schedule on Tuesday, September 20, with a timely criminal law seminar in cooperation with New Rochelle's My Brother's Keeper ("MBK") on "raise the age" for adult convictions from 16 to 18 years. So, save the date. Look for the email flyers, and in the NY Law Journal for the notices on this and future NRBA CLEs.

I also had the privilege of presiding over our Bar's enjoyable and well attended dinner events during this past year of my term, from our Installation Dinner in September, to our annual Holiday Gala at the Fountainhead in December, to our January Annual Surrogates' Dinner where we honored the new Westchester County Surrogate, Hon. Brandon Sall, and, finally, to our Ninth Annual Court of Appeals Dinner at the Fountainhead where we honored the Hon. Janet DiFiore, as our new Chief Judge of the

New York Court of Appeals. Last but not least, I presided over our Annual Meeting and Picnic on June 9th, sponsored again by City Marshal Sam Pierce, where we elected new officers and directors for the upcoming year, Milton Kreppel presented our scholarships awards to graduates from Iona College and Monroe College, Ronald Zezima handed out the Certificates of Appreciation to our members who generously volunteered their time to teach in our award winning program *Lawyer in the Classroom*, and I was presented with a plaque and my very own bobble-head Paula. Now I can really talk to myself. THANKS!

Once again, on behalf of the Bar, I want to extend our thanks to Frank A. Micelli and Minuteman Press for providing at no cost to the Bar the Certificates of Completion we awarded to the nearly 800 5th graders who completed our *Lawyer in the Classroom* Program. Thanks Frank! The kids loved their awards. Also, I want to extend our thanks again to Keith Munroe of Morgan Stanley for his generous donation that more than paid for the cost of individual copies of the Constitution given to each of the fifth graders in the *Lawyer in the Classroom* Program. I would be terribly remiss if I did not extend all of our thanks to Ron Zezima for his continued hard work and dedication in coordinating and managing this incredible and worthwhile program.

With the end of this year we, inevitably and sadly, have to say good-bye to officers and Board members whose terms have ended. This time it is Board member Andrew Spatz. Thanks for all your assistance during your term. Also, we say good-bye to Patty Bave who had stepped in as our Treasurers. Thanks for a great job in keeping the books Patty. Lastly, we say good-bye to Secretary Laurie Korngold who leaves the Board after more years than she cares to count! What can I say but offer our unwavering thanks for all you have done and all you have given

throughout the years. You all shall be missed on the Board! We hope all of you will continue to be active participants in this organization.

Happily, on the other hand, a new term means new officers and new Board members. At the Annual Meeting on June 9th members approved the new slate for 2016-2017. I am pleased to be replaced as President by Hon. Jeffrey Levin who, no doubt, will continue with the tremendous strides made by our Bar to help our members, our organization, and our community. Please welcome Ronald Zezima and Michele Tombini as Vice-Presidents, Lori Corini as Secretary and Julie Zgoda as Treasurer. The newly elected Board members are Warren Agaston, Marilyn "Mike" Faust, David Lacher, Damon Maher and Jennifer Pasquantonio. Welcome to the Board! We look forward to your insight, assistance, energies, suggestions and participation. While I pass the reins of President over to Jeff, I shall happily remain at the sideline as Immediate Past President for one year. I am here to offer my assistance in the transition.

Now it is time to say good-bye, not only for the summer. For the Bar, you are in good hands. Your new President, officers and Board will be meeting during the summer to set up the schedule for the fall so we may continue to have timely CLEs, dinner meetings, new events and benefits. As for me, I want to say "Thank you" one and all for your support and encouragement over the last two years. I could not have done it without you. I hope I met or exceeded your expectations. It has been my honor and pleasure to be your President. I shall cherish the experience. Good summer and Good-bye!

Yours,

Paula

Paula Johnson Kelly

NRBA LAWYER IN THE CLASSROOM UPDATE

By Ronald V. Zezima, Esq.



The 2016 Lawyer in the Classroom sessions were a great success. Twenty-five attorneys donated approximately 200 hours of time to teach fifth grade students the fundamentals of The United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The program began on April 11th with a two hour training session for which the attorney-volunteers received 2 CLE credits. The session was conducted by Richard Sosis, Past President of the New Rochelle Bar and a school teacher in his pre-law life, and by Corey Andrews, a teacher at Ward School who designed the curriculum.

The sessions, which were conducted over a four week period in May, were enthusiastically received by the students, teachers and school administrators. In addition to the generous donation of time by our attorney volunteers, Associate Member **Keith Munroe** of Morgan Stanley, who is not an attorney but a financial advisor, donated \$700.00 to cover the cost of 750 copies of the United States Constitution booklets given to the 5th graders throughout the city, and **Frank Miceli** of Minuteman Press, and President of the New Rochelle Chamber of Commerce, donated 750 custom designed, suitable for framing "Certificates

of Completion" which were handed to the students by the volunteer lawyers at the end of the sessions.

In an effort to recruit additional attorney volunteers, and specifically minority lawyers who could serve as role models to the large number of minority students in our public schools, we reached out to the Westchester County Black Bar Association and we were fortunate to have two wonderful volunteers who, while not members of the New Rochelle Bar, generously donated their time to our project. We acknowledge **Shamika Mathurin**, Westchester County Assistant District Attorney, and **Keri Fiore**, Law Clerk to Hon. Hal Greenwald. Member-Volunteer **Matthew Feinberg** was able to recruit two of his colleagues, **Ellen Pachnanda** and **Sharolyn Pulver** of Hudson Valley Legal Services, who also volunteered although they are not members of NRBA. We gratefully acknowledge their contributions.

Last month, we were honored to receive a letter from retired United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who initiated the iCivics curriculum on which our program is based. The Justice stated "It has always been our hope that iCivics will inspire others to foster strong relationships between the legal profession and the classroom. Thank you for informing me of your initiative and I look forward to hearing about the continued success of this important work."

The experience of the volunteer lawyers is reflected in this message from member **Laurie Dallos**, whose sentiments were expressed by many of the volunteers: "I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed teaching these kids. It was so much fun and the kids were really wonderful."

New Rochelle's Superintendent of Schools, Brian Osborne, wrote "Through this program, our students not only receive excellent exposure to the law and its practical implications in their lives, they also benefit from the direct connection to practicing

lawyers in their community who take a special interest in them and their growth. As Superintendent, I am grateful for and impressed by the New Rochelle Bar Association's involvement in our schools."

We look forward to the continued expansion and success of our *Lawyer in the Classroom* Program and we invite interested members, their colleagues and friends to join us next year.



Hon. Jeffrey Levin and Ronald Zezima at the Daniel Webster School for the *Lawyer in the Classroom* program.

A THANK-YOU TO THE *LAWYERS IN THE CLASSROOM* VOLUNTEERS

The NRBA would like to recognize the following individuals for volunteering with *Lawyers in the Classroom*:

Judge Susan Kettner, Judge Jeffrey Levin, Vincent Cavallo, Rachel Ciccone, Laurie Dallos, Matthew Feinberg, Barry Fertel, Keri Fiore, Jennifer Fowler, Joyce Furfero, John Giaccobe, Richard Grayson, Paula Johnson Kelly, Carol Kreisberg, David Lacher, Carol Levy, Shameika Mathurin, Eli Moore, Ellen Pachnanda, Sheralyn Pulver, Mark Sarro, Jeffrey Schwartz, Angela Soares, Marianne Sussman, and Ronald Zezima.

We also would like to thank NRBA member Richard A. Sosis and Corey Andrews, teacher at the Ward School, for presenting the *Lawyer in the Classroom* CLE on April 11, 2016.

Thanks to your efforts, the program was a success!



THE CASE FOR TREATMENT COURTS

By Sheralyn Pulver, Esq.

Now that the failed “lock ‘em up and throw away the key” policy of the Rockefeller Drug Laws has finally been put to bed, public policy and the criminal justice system have found a better way. For non-violent felony offenders living with substance use disorder, the cheaper approach turns out to be the far better one. As is now widely acknowledged, it’s about more than just drug addiction. Indeed, the new lexicon speaks volumes about the broad spectrum of drug dependence that costs some people their independence, their livelihoods, their families and, sadly, sometimes even their lives.

For those affected who come into the criminal justice system these days, their destination is Drug Treatment Court where they are surrounded by a team that joins together to support a defendant as he moves from dependence to recovery, a process which lasts for at least one year, and often far longer. The team is comprised of the usual suspects---a judge, prosecutor, defense attorney and probation officer, as well as a clinician we call the Resource Coordinator. We are adherents of the Medical Model of substance use disorder---that it is a chronic, relapsing medical condition that can be put into remission but is not curable. We receive training in science, neuroscience, and psychopharmacology and we are taught to take note of the seemingly innocuous---small bruises on the arm, a runny nose, sweating, rotting teeth. We are taught how the words we use can hurt or help recovery.

From the start, we abandon the word “defendant” in favor of “participant”. It’s more humanizing and hopeful. We meet weekly and, often, talk daily to figure out how we can do more to help the participant succeed. I’m lucky enough to be a defense attorney in Westchester County Court’s Judicial Diversion Program, or Felony Drug Court,

as it is otherwise known. It has been my privilege to have worked with hundreds of courageous people from every walk of life who work hard every day, one day at a time, to put their disease into remission.

The success rates are impressive and recidivism rates comparatively low. About 80% of participants successfully complete this rigorous program which includes drug treatment, talk therapy, medication-assisted therapy, mental and physical health treatment, behavior modification, anger management classes, education and vocational training, community service, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and, of course, abstinence. The participants see that we care about each of them, they grow to care about each other and those of us on the team. They grow to care about themselves. It all combines to help people put their lives in order and knock that felony off their record so that they can truly move forward to a new and better life. Standing beside such brave and accomplished people is truly an honor.

All this is part of a growing trend in a criminal justice system that has become a venue to deal with one public health crisis after another. It’s a winning combination of cost effectiveness and good outcomes for individuals, families and communities.

Let’s join together to expand treatment courts for all who need them---young offenders, veterans, those living with mental illness and folks with substance use disorder charged with minor offenses in town and village courts throughout our county.

Sharolyn Pulver, Esq. of *Legal Services of the Hudson Valley*, providing free civil legal services for those who cannot afford an attorney. Hotline 1-844-949-1305.



UPDATE ON THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN REAL PROPERTY TAX ACT

By Jeffrey S. Tanen, Esq.

Under current law, if a foreign person sells property in the US, the buyer is obligated to withhold ten percent of the gross sales price and remit this to the IRS. With the new Tax Title Act of 2015, which recently became law, the withholding has been increased to fifteen percent for all closings after February 16, 2016, except those with a sales price of between \$300,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00 and where the buyer acquires the property as their principal residence. Under this exception, the ten percent withholding will still apply. The following illustrates all categories:

- 1) Sales price under \$300,000.00 and Purchaser acquiring as principal residence - No withholding
- 2) Sales price \$300,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00 - 10% withholding
- 3) All other transactions - 15% withholding

In addition, there is no withholding under the following circumstances:

- 1) Sale price under \$300,000.00 and the property is the purchaser's principal residence
- 2) Seller provides non-foreign status Affidavit
- 3) Seller provides withholding certificate from the IRS
- 4) The amount realized by seller is zero
- 5) The property is acquired by the US government

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2015/2016 CLE RECAP

By Hon. Jeffrey Levin

The NRBA Continuing Legal Education programs are presented using a fiscal year calendar, while the NRBA membership year and annual dues use the calendar year. Therefore, the 2015/2016 year CLE programs concluded in June with the criminal law CLE. The ten 2015/2016 live CLE programs were presented free to NRBA members with an accompanying lite dinner. According to the NRBA membership's CLE program evaluations, the 2015/2016 CLEs were a huge success. Approximately 161 NRBA member attorneys attended a minimum of one CLE program. The total attendance for the 10 CLE programs was approximately 515. This year, the March 14th Ethics CLE had the top attendance. It was attended by 92 attorneys. Holding the attendance record, NRBA member **Laurie Dallos** attended each and every one of the 2015/2016 CLE programs.

The NRBA's CLE has been generously supported by our sponsors. The sponsors contributed to the cost of the CLEs, provided venues and the meals and, at times, the CLE programs themselves. They deserve our thanks and support. The sponsors for the 2015/2016 CLEs were:

David Baron and **Dan Bokol** of **TitleVest**;
TD Bank;
Brett Forman of **AmTrust Title**;
Sterling National Bank;
Jospeh A. Ruhl, Esq. of **Orange Bank & Trust**;
and
Kommer Bave & Ollman LLP.

As the CLE Coordinator, I could not have planned and administered the CLE programming without extensive assistance and support from many NRBA members, and the officers and directors of the NRBA. The CLE programing has truly been a NRBA team effort.

The NRBA CLE programs continued this past spring with a special training session and CLE only

for NRBA members who had volunteered for the *Lawyer in the Classroom* program. The training and Education Law CLE, presented by NRBA past president Richard Sosis and Ward School 5th grade teacher, Corey Andrews, was held at William B. Ward School on April 11, 2016. Ron Zezima, the *Lawyer in the Classroom* program coordinator, welcomed the volunteers. This NRBA program has been recognized and acclaimed by the New York Bar Association. .

Patricia A. Bave and Rachel Ciccone, Esq., of Kommer Bave & Ollman LLP, with offices in New Rochelle, led a discussion regarding developments and practices in Elder Law and Estates and Trusts on April 19, 2016 at Sterling National Bank titled "*Medicaid as a Creditor: Spousal Refusal or Divorce, Recoveries, Assignments, Liens and Decedent's Estates*". The subject matter was of interest and useful to many, not just those attorneys representing aging and elderly clients. Kommer Bave & Ollman LLP was the sponsor of the CLE, also providing the delicious lite supper. Michele Silverman Bedell, the principal realtor at Silversons Realty, prepared the baked goods.

Our newest sponsor, Brett Forman, the Senior Vice President at AmTrust Title (formerly known as First Nationwide Title), arranged an attractive setting, with ample food and a room with a view at the Hampshire Country Club in Mamaroneck for the Hon. Janet Malone's *Matrimonial: Pre Judgment and Post Judgment Issues* CLE presented on May 17, 2016. Judge Malone was joined on the CLE panel by Judge Victor G. Grossman, and NRBA member Gerald A. DeFeo, CPA/ABV, ASA.

The final 2015/2016 CLE, "*Bootcamp for the Criminal Law Practitioner*", was presented on June 14, 2016 and, once again, it was sponsored by Brett Forman and First Nationwide Title Agency, LCC (now known as AmTrust Title) at the Hampshire Country Club. The CLE was a smash hit as evidenced by the program evaluations which were

effusively positive. The CLE speakers were criminal justice attorneys Mayo Bartlett of White Plains and NRBA Board member Andrew Spatz.

Our first 2016/2017 CLE is planned for September 20, 2016 to be held at the New Rochelle Public Library. The NRBA will co-present the CLE with My Brother's Keeper ("MBK") of New Rochelle. Among the topics and issues to be discussed will be reforms to the criminal justice system, particularly the need to increase the age of criminality in New York. The presenters will be Judge Helen M. Blackwood of the Westchester County Court, New Rochelle City Councilman Jared Rice, Allison Lake of the Westchester Children's Association and Christian Philemon of the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester.

Additional planned programs for this fall include a presentation in October on retirement planning. The November CLE speaker will be retired Court of Appeals Judge Robert Smith who will be speaking at the New Rochelle Public Library on November 15, 2016. In January 2017 Carl Finger will return to present Landlord & Tenant Law, Part II. The February CLE program is still in the planning stages. To celebrate Black History month and New Rochelle's history David Lacher has been asked to speak about the "de facto segregation" case, *Taylor v. Board of Education of City of New Rochelle*, 294 F.2d 36 (2d Cir. 1961). Other programs for March through Jun are being planned to close out the 2016/2017 CLE year and any of your suggestions regarding programs that would be of interest and value to the NRBA members are always welcomed.

The NRBA will resume its programs in September until then, enjoy the summer months and the break from Continuing Legal Education.

Jeff Levin

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CLEs:

The NRBA will be offering the following CLE programs:

1. *My Brother's Keeper Criminal Law Reform* CLE, September 20, 2016 by Judge Helen M. Blackwood, Councilman Jared Rice, Allison Lake of the Westchester Children's Association and Christian Philemon of the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, at the New Rochelle Public Library.
2. *Retirement Planning* CLE, October 18, 2016, location and speaker to be determined.
3. *The Art of Persuasion in Appeals*, November 15, 2016 by Honorable Robert Smith, 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



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS

The following individuals and institutions sponsored our CLEs and events during this term. We thank them for their support and ask our members to seriously consider engaging them for their services.

David Baron and **Dan Bokol** of **TitleVest**,
40 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005.

TD Bank, 107 Chatsworth Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538.

Brett Forman of **AmTrust Title**, 220 East 42nd Street, Suite 3105, New York, NY 10017.

Sterling National Bank, 21 Scarsdale Road, Yonkers, NY 10707.

Jospeh A. Ruhl, Esq. of **Orange Bank & Trust**,
42 Waller Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601.

Kommer Bave & Ollman LLP, 145 Huguenot Street, Suite 402, New Rochelle, NY 10801.

Ralph J. Berardi, Jr. of **Pepe/Gerard Capital, LLC** and **Residential Home Funding Corp.**, 261 Washington Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801.

Sam Pierce, **New Rochelle City Marshall**,
475 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801.

Michele Silverman Bedell, of **Silversons Realty LLC**, 6 Palmer Avenue, Scarsdale, NY 10583.

Michael Lisk of **Record and Return Title Agency, Inc.**, 7 Dempsey Place, Eastchester, NY 10709.

Keith D. Munroe of **Morgan Stanley**,
1 Blue Hill Plaza, Suite 100, Pearl River, NY 10965

NRBA HOLDS ITS NINTH COURT OF APPEALS DINNER

On April 21, 2016, the New Rochelle Bar Association honored Janet DiFiore, the new Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, at our Ninth Annual Court of Appeals Dinner. The event, held at the Fountainhead on Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, was a virtual who's who in the New York judiciary.



After a fabulous cocktail hour where members and guests were able to mingle and enjoy the treats, the attendees were ushered into the ballroom for a delightful dinner and a dessert which included a cake made especially for Chief Judge DiFiore.



Associated Judge Sheila Abdus-Salaam, of the Court of Appeals and the guest speaker, was joined at the event by her colleagues on the Court of Appeals bench Hon. Michael Garcia and Hon. Jenny Rivera.



Associate Judge Sheila Abdus-Salaam

Also in attendance were retired former Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick and Robert Smith. Hon. Frank Nicolai (former Administrative Judge, Ninth Judicial District – retired), introduced the Chief Judge, and New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson presented her with the Key to the City.



Mayor Noam Bramson presenting the Key to the City to Chief Judge Janet DiFiore.

Other honored judicial guests included: Hon. Juanita Bing Newton (Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives, Office of Court Administration), Hon. Jeffrey Cohen (Appellate Division - Second Dept.), Hon. Francesca Connelly (Appellate Division - Second Dept.), Hon. Daniel Angiolillo (Appellate Division - retired), Hon. Anita Florio (Appellate Division - retired), Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez (Bronx County Surrogate), Hon. Brandon Sall (Westchester County Surrogate), Hon. John Colangelo (Supreme Court), Hon. Lawrence Ecker (Supreme Court), Hon. David Everett (Supreme Court), Hon. William Giacomo (Supreme Court), Hon. Rudy Greco (Supreme Court), Hon. Angela Iannaci (Supreme Court), Hon. Linda Jamison (Supreme Court), Hon. Donald Scott Kurtz (Supreme Court), Hon. Lewis Lubell (Supreme Court), Hon. J. Emmet Murphy (Supreme Court), Hon. Carl Londocino (Supreme Court), Hon. O. Peter Sherwood (Supreme Court), Hon. Charles Wood (Supreme Court), Hon. Susan Capeci (Acting Supreme Court), Hon. Susan Cacace (Acting Supreme Court), Hon. Barbara Zambelli (Acting Supreme Court), Hon. Helen Blackwood (Westchester County Court), Hon. Barry Warhit (Westchester County Court), Hon. Ann Minihan (Westchester County Court), Hon. Kathie Davidson (Westchester County Family Court), Hon. Hal Greenwald (Westchester County Family Court), Hon. Maryanne Scattaretico-Naber (Westchester County Family Court), Hon. Carole Prinzer Levy (Retired Support Magistrate Westchester County Family Court), Hon. Anthony Carbone (New Rochelle City Court), Hon. Susan Kettner (New Rochelle City Court), and Hon. Robert Ollman (New Rochelle City Court – retired).

Other honored guests were George Latimer (New York State Senate), Hon. Tim Idoni (Westchester County Clerk), P. Daniel Hollis, III (Westchester County Bar Association – President), Sophia Trott (Westchester Black Bar Association – President), and Sheri Levin Wallach (New York State Bar Association - 9th Judicial District Vice President).



[Other photos are available on NRBA website.]

NRBA ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC

On June 9, 2016, the NRBA held its annual picnic and elections for officers and directors of the NRBA's Board of Directors in the Pavilion at Five Islands Park, New Rochelle. Once again, this event was sponsored by our member Sam Pierce, New Rochelle City Marshall. Thanks Sam!



The View at Five Islands

The ELECTION RESULTS:

The slate of proposed officers was presented to the members present by outgoing secretary, **Laurie Korngold**. Members approved the candidates. The incoming NRBA Officers are: **Hon. Jeffrey Levin**, President; **Michele Tombini** and **Ronald Zezima**, Vice-Presidents; **Julie Zgoda**, Treasurer; and **Lori Corini**, Secretary. **Paula Johnson Kelly**, will be Immediate Past-President. The Directors are: **Warren Agaston**, **Frank DiMarco**, **Marilyn "Mike" Faust**, **John Giacobbe**, **Mark Griffin**, **David Lacher**, **Damon Maher**, **Jennifer Pasquantonio**, and **Richard Weiss**. The new Board will be inducted on September 13, 2016.

During the picnic, volunteers who participated in the *Lawyer in the Classroom* program were awarded Certificates of Appreciation by program director, Ron Zezima. Keith Munroe, who volunteered to pay the cost for pocket Constitutions to be given to all of the 750 students taught by

Lawyer in the Classroom volunteers, was presented with a plaque in recognition of his contribution.



Secretary Laurie Korngold with Paula Kelly



Ron Zezima handing out Certificates for The Lawyer in the Classroom program



President Paula Johnson Kelly presenting Keith Munroe of Morgan Stanley with a plaque.



The 2016 scholarship recipients Cydnee Davis (left-Monroe) And Dominick Gianotto (right-Iona) flank NRBA Scholarship Chairman Milton Kreppel.

The NRBA also provided several students with scholarships. Outgoing President Paula Johnson Kelly was presented with a plaque and a bobble-head doll (of herself) as a sign of our appreciation for her work as President.



The Giacobbe: Grandma, Dad John and Our future member?



NRBA outgoing President Paula Johnson Kelly with her plaque and bobble head doll

NRBA UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES

The Installation for the new officers and members of the NRBA Board of Directors is scheduled for **September 13, 2016** at Patsy's Pizzeria, 2 Pelham Road, New Rochelle. Details will be sent via email and posted on the website.

The annual Holiday Gala is scheduled for **December 15, 2016** at The Fountainhead, 55 Quaker Ridge Road, New Rochelle.



HON. ROBERT SMITH TO TEACH NOVEMBER 2016 CLE

Hon. Robert Smith, formerly of the New York Court of Appeals, will teach the **November 15, 2016** CLE titled "*The Art of Persuasion*" at the New Rochelle Public Library. Judge Smith was nominated by Governor Pataki to the Court of Appeals in November 2003 and served for eleven years, beginning January 12, 2004. He authored 300 opinions while he was on the Court, of which approximately 200 were majority decisions. Following his retirement from the Court of Appeals, Judge Smith returned to private practice and joined the law firm of Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman LLP, where he leads the firm's appellate practice.

SPOTLIGHT ON NON-ATTORNEY MEMBERS

We would like to thank our non-attorney members for joining our association, and ask our attorney members to consider engaging their services.

Wayne Baird – First American Title Insurance Company (real estate, title insurance) – tel: (914) 286-6407

Ralph J. Berardi, Jr. – Residential Home Funding Corp. (mortgage, finance) – tel: (914) 202-3449

Gerald A. DeFeo -- Gerald A. DeFeo, CPA (Certified Public Accountant) – tel: (914) 761-0888

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Keith D. Munroe – Morgan Stanley (Financial Services) – tel: (845) 731-2931

Maria Murphy – Judicial Title Insurance Agency (Real Estate, Title Insurance) – tel: (914) 381-6700

Roseanne Piccone – Benchmark Title Agency, LLC (Real Estate, Title Insurance) – tel: (914) 250-2400

Nancy Scovotti – Fidelity National Title Insurance Services, LLC (Real Estate, Title Insurance) – tel: (914) 841-6229

John M. Sullivan – Key Bank (Banking, Finance, Investment) – tel: (914) 637-3671

William T. Sullivan – Orange Bank & Trust (Banking, Finance, Investment) – tel: (914) 576-9785

Camoy Williams – New York Life Insurance Company (Life and Health Insurance) – tel: (516) 354-5914

Michele Silverman Bedell – Silversons Realty LLC (Real Estate) – tel: (914) 906-4376

Catherina Massaregli - Judicial Title Insurance Agency (Real Estate, Title Insurance) – tel: (914) 760-1866

Michael Meccia – Statewide Abstract Title Corp. (Real Estate, Title Insurance) – tel: (914) 683-5900



MEMBERSHIP DUES & PAYMENT METHODS REMINDER

Annual NRBA Membership dues are due on January 1, 2016. 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>) via PayPal.

OUR WEBSITE: www.nrbar.org

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

This Newsletter can be downloaded from our website. Thanks for helping keep NRBA green.

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.**, 145 Huguenot St., Suite 402, New Rochelle, NY 10801, (914) 633-7400.

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