

## Message from the Editor



Dear fellow bar association members, I hope 2019 is treating you all well. I would like to take this opportunity to request that you, as the members of this organization, remind your associates and other young professionals of the benefits of being a part of this great organization. As Judge Scheinkman stated in his article published in the New York Law Journal on January 11, 2019, "A View From the Bench: Why Involvement in the Organized Bar is More Important Now Than Ever," "Participation in the organized Bar affords some of the best opportunities for judges and lawyers to collaborate in addressing common issues and problems." As to the recent decline in interest among lawyers in participating in organized Bar activities, presiding Justice Scheinkman further states:

This is most distressing. We lawyers owe it to ourselves and the future of our common profession to reenergize our colleagues to take an active role in our professional organizations. Court leaders need the active support and engagement of vibrant bar organizations in order to best carry out their administrative responsibilities.

I believe a call to action is required as there appear to be fewer and fewer young professionals and attorneys present at our events. An easy solution is for the senior partners to require one hour a month of the dreaded billable hour to be billed against attending local bar association events.

With that in mind, the NRBA's premier event, the 12<sup>TH</sup> Annual Court of Appeals Dinner is this coming April 10<sup>th</sup>, which will be held at the Surf Club. This is your opportunity to engage with the entire Court of Appeals bench at once. If you have not done so already, please register for the event by sending the registration form on the next page (or by copying the following link into your web browser: <http://www.nrbar.org/Calendar-of-Events>, and selecting the Annual Court of Appeals Dinner on the calendar). Also, don't forget to bring your young associates to network and meet the entire bench of the Court of Appeals.

Additionally, if you haven't already, please be reminded to renew your New Rochelle Bar Association membership and get your associates to sign up (<https://nrba.wildapricot.org/join/>).

Sincerely,

*Artem Djukic*



*Hear ye, hear ye!*

## *The New Rochelle Bar Association*



Please save the date and join us  
For our Twelfth Annual

## *Court of Appeals Dinner*

Sponsored In Part By:  
**Orange Bank & Trust and Appellate Innovations, LLC**

at

## *The Surf Club*

280 Davenport Avenue, New Rochelle, New York 10805

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM *Cocktail*

7:30 PM -10:00 PM *Dinner*

**TICKETS**    Members- \$85.00 –per person  
                  Non-members- \$95.00 per person  
                  All tickets must be paid on or prior to April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Any Tickets purchased after April 3, 2019 - \$ 95.00**

# RESERVATION FORM



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**DATE:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019

**TIME:** 6:30 pm -10:00 pm

**PLACE:** The Surf Club, 280 Davenport Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10805

**PRICE:** \$ 85.00 For NRBA paid Members if paid before Wednesday, April 3rd

\$ 95.00 for non-members or members who pay after April 3rd

**NOTE:** R.S.V.P. before April 3, 2019 to secure your reservations we expect an overflow crowd.

Please forward responses and checks payable to "The New Rochelle Bar Association" to:  
Frank DiMarco, Esq.

20 Cedar Street Suite #106, New Rochelle, NY 10801

Email any preferred seating requests to [MICHELE@PTW-LAW.COM](mailto:MICHELE@PTW-LAW.COM)

I will attend the April 10, 2019 NRBA 2019 Court of Appeals Dinner and enclose my check payable to "The New Rochelle Bar Association" for \_\_\_\_\_ dinners @ \$85.00 NRBA member and/or \_\_\_\_\_ dinners @ 95.00 per person.

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## NRBA ANNUAL SURROGATE'S DINNER

On January 8, 2019, the NRBA hosted its annual Surrogate's Dinner at Juliano's CATERES, located at 700 Main Street, New Rochelle, New York. The Dinner was well attended and Hon. Nelida Malavè-González and former Surrogate, and current District Attorney, Anthony Scarpino gave updates on Surrogate Court and Westchester County matters, respectively. Amy Thompson, principal law clerk, and Johanna K. O'Brien, chief clerk, gave an update on expected changes in Westchester County Surrogate's Court.

Pictures from the event below.



*Bronx County Surrogate Judge,  
the Hon. Nelida Malavè-González.*



*From left to right: Amy Thompson, principal law clerk to the Hon. Brandon R. Sall (Surrogate of Westchester County), newly appointed chief clerk Johanna K. O'Brien, and sitting Ronald V. Zezima, President of the NRBA.*



*Hon. Anthony R. Scarpino,  
Former Surrogate of Westchester County  
and current District Attorney*



*Left to right: Artem Djukic, Esq (NRBA Director), Amy Thompson (Principal Law Clerk Westchester County Surrogate's Court), Johanna K. O'Brien (Chief Clerk Westchester County Surrogate's Court), Milton Kreppel and Julie Kattan, Esq.*



*Hon. Jeffrey Levin (former President of the NRBA)  
and Holly Hasbrouck (of Stewart Title).*

For more photos from the event please go to the NRBAR.ORG website or [click here](#).



## CLE UPDATE

THE NRBA Continues to provide monthly free CLE's to all its members.

On January 17, 2019, Joseph Accetta, court attorney/referee in the Guardianship Department of Westchester County, presented on the "Transition from Adult Guardianship to a Decedent's Estate".



On February 21, 2019, the CLE on "Serving a Diverse Population in Real Estate" was presented by Richard J. King, Esq. Senior Vice Present of NYS Counsel and by Keith L. Madden, Esq. Vice President of Underwriting Counsel and was sponsored by Stewart Title.



On March 21, 2019, Joseph A. Ruhl, of Orange Bank and Richard Grayson, Esq., gave their annual Ethics update by presenting on the "Pragmatic Ethical Considerations in the Day to Day Practice of Law: An Overview" sponsored by Orange Bank.



For more pictures of the CLE's and all our events please visit the website.

<http://www.nrbar.org/EventPhotos>.

## 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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764-7500.](tel:9147647500)



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS REMINDER

The NRBA membership is from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. The annual dues are \$100. 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](mailto: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.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE:** Office space available for rent at 271 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801. For further information please contact Richard Sosis at [drlaw41@verizon.net](mailto:drlaw41@verizon.net).

## CORRECTIONS

The Editor offers his sincerest apologies to Barry R. Fertel for miss-spelling his name in the last newsletter.

Additionally, in our last newsletter, we inadvertently forgot to include the title “Hon.” in front of the Hon. Joan Lefkowitz on page 4.

## MEMBER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our warmest welcomes to the newest members of the NRBA: Michelle Kolodny, Christopher Valencia, Yadira Ramos-Herbert, Eric Broutman, Herman S. Steinber, Wendy Claffee and Stephen Falvey. Please make sure to say hello and make the new members feel welcome at our next event, the Annual Court of Appeals Dinner at the Surf Club on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



## NRBA SOFTBALL LOOKBACK

By Richard Grayson (former manager)

The New Rochelle Bar Association has fielded a team in the City Of New Rochelle softball league for 34 years.

Our first game was May 9, 1985 against the Pony Express, which was the New Rochelle Post Office team. The Pony Express galloped past the NRBA by a score of 17-3.

How many names of your fellow attorneys, well-conditioned athletes all, do you recognize from the lineup of that first game? Steve Kroleski, Sam Sharp, Steve Davis, Ed Loughman, Bill Maker, Robert Karin, Bob Corini, Don Mazin, Nathan Horowitz, Richard Weiss and Richard Grayson.

The team finished that first season with a record of 2-12.

Like all great athletic traditions, the fortunes of the NRBA softball team have fluctuated over the past 34 years. The high point came in 2012, under the NRBA presidency of Laurie Korngold, when the team won the league tournament championship. At least we didn't have to wait 55 years for a championship like the Houston Astros did.

Over 34 years, the team has a record of 183-249 in the regular season and 5-11 in the playoffs with the one championship.



As the team enters its 35th season, now under the managerial guidance of Jay Goldstein, the team looks forward to fun, no injuries and a winning season.

(If you are interested in joining the team please email Jay Goldstein this month at [jaygoldsteinattorney@gmail.com](mailto:jaygoldsteinattorney@gmail.com).)



## LAWYER IN THE CLASSROOM

The New Rochelle Bar Association, in conjunction with the New Rochelle City School District, will again conduct our "LAWYER IN THE CLASSROOM" Program in which lawyers go into every 5th grade classroom in the New Rochelle public schools for one hour a week over four weeks to share a standardized curriculum in basic constitutional law and the Bill of Rights. This year's sessions will take place on May 3, 10, 17, and 31. An updated training session for lawyer instructors (with 2 hours of CLE credit) will be given on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the William Ward Elementary School, Broadfield Road off Quaker Ridge Road. The training is available only to NY-admitted attorneys who commit to participate in the classroom sessions. (The CLE certificates will be distributed in June at the conclusion of this year's program.)

The CLE will be conducted by NR Bar Vice President David Lacher, Esq. and Corey Andrews, M.Ed. and will contain new material not included in previous sessions. Please contact David Lacher at [DLacher@Lacherlaw.com](mailto:DLacher@Lacherlaw.com) to register and volunteer.





## UPCOMING EVENTS & CLEs

### April 2019

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** NRBA Board of Directors Meeting.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Court of Appeals Dinner, at the Surf Club, located at 280 Davenport Avenue, New Rochelle. If you have not done so already, please submit the registration form attached at the end of this letter to Frank DiMarco or register by going to <https://nrba.wildapricot.org/event-3240684/Registration>. Sponsored by Orange Bank.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** Law at the Library presenting on the topic “Don’t get sued: 5 Tips to protect your small business, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the New Rochelle Public Library. No registration required and open to the public.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>:** CLE presented by Artem Djukic, Esq. and Adria Gross on “Curing your Medical Insurance Problems and 2019 Medicaid Update and Strategies” at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber at New Rochelle City Hall. Sponsored by Westchester Family Care.

**April 24<sup>th</sup>:** CLE training for the Lawyer in the Classroom to be held at Ward School, located at Broadfield Road, New Rochelle, New York 10804 starting with lite dinner 530 p.m. presented by David Lacher, Esq. and Corey Andrews, M.Ed. If you are interested in this wonderful program please contact [DLacher@lacherlaw.com](mailto:DLacher@lacherlaw.com).

### May 2019

**May 16<sup>th</sup>:** CLE presented at New Rochelle City Hall by Carol Schiro Greenwald, Ph.D. on the topic of “Ethical Best Practices: Attorney Ethics in the Networking World.”

### June 2019

**June 18<sup>th</sup>:** Dinner Cruise to Statue of Liberty, departing from New Rochelle. Rain date June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**June 20<sup>th</sup>:** CLE presented by Robert C. Hertman, Esq. is to present on Cannabis Law at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber at New Rochelle City Hall. Mr. Hertman’s law office is in White Plains. He is the Chair of the Westchester County Bar Association’s Cannabis Law Section.

Expect to receive advance notices with particulars by e-mail of these and future CLEs. Information will also be posted at [www.nrbar.org](http://www.nrbar.org).

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](mailto:jeffrey.levin.law@gmail.com)

OUR WEBSITE: [www.nrbar.org](http://www.nrbar.org)

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

#### 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](http://www.nrbar.org).

For reservations for any of our upcoming dinners or events please contact Treasurer **Frank DiMarco, Esq.**, New Rochelle Bar Association, P.O. Box 1863, New Rochelle, NY 10802, [Franknr@aol.com](mailto:Franknr@aol.com)

#### Getting Published

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