



MARK YOUR CALENDERS

OCTOBER

- 22nd- Professionalism Award Luncheon in New Brunswick
- 29th- General Membership Meeting at Running Deer

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT BRENDAN J. KAVANAGH, ESQUIRE

LET'S KEEP DEMOCRACY ALIVE

By the time most of you read this, this year's general election will be less than three weeks away. I thought it would be a good opportunity to remind the general membership about the importance of exercising our constitutional right to vote.

As most of you know, our founding fathers and patriots fought a valiant and bloody war over 230 years ago in order to free themselves from tyranny and oppression. As a result of the Revolutionary War we now enjoy many freedoms including the right to elect our leaders. As such, we should consider our right to vote to not only be a privilege and an honor, but also a moral obligation. Indeed, America was born from democracy and democracy exists only to the extent that the people keep it alive. There is no better way to keep democracy alive than by voting.

When our nation was born, only white males over the age of 21 were allowed to vote. Following the Civil War, the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments were passed which outlawed slavery and gave civil rights, including the right to vote, to former slaves. Still, many restrictions prevented blacks from actually casting their votes until the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Similarly, the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gave women the right to vote in 1920. Many believe that had it not been for the Women's Suffrage Movement, the right to vote for women would not have occurred until the second half of the 20th Century. Shockingly, women were still not allowed the right to vote in Switzerland until the 1970's and, as recently as 1990, women in Kuwait could not vote.

I share the above facts and statistics with you in the hope that you will agree with me that the right to vote should not be taken for granted. Having said that, it is understandable why most of our elections suffer from low voter turnout. Folks become disenchanted because of the ugliness of campaigns and the saturation of our media outlets with campaign commercials. There is no question that a significant amount of reform is needed. Some suggestions include: lowering the legal age to vote to 17 (in order to expose young people to the election process before they go out into the world); changing election day to election "week"; limiting the use of TV and radio commercials to the final two weeks of the campaign season; allowing people to register to vote on election day; change election day from a Tuesday to a Saturday; and, allow for mail-in voting. This last change was recently implemented in New Jersey allowing for all of you to obtain a mail-in ballot and cast your vote within 40 days of the election. A mail-in ballot can be obtained by downloading an application from www.njelections.org and submitting same to the County Clerk's Office.

As many of you are aware, I spend a good amount of time dabbling in politics. I actually enjoy it. It is not for this reason, however, that I chose this topic for this month's Et Seq. article. Rather, I truly hold sacrosanct our right to vote in this country.

What follows are several famous quotes regarding our right to vote :

"Bad politicians are sent to Washington by good people who don't vote" -William E. Simon

"Under democracy one party always devotes its chief energies to trying to prove that the other party is unfit to rule - and both commonly succeed, and are right" -Henry Lewis Mencken

"The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all" -John F. Kennedy

and my personal favorite...

"In most places in the country, voting is looked upon as a right and a duty, but in Chicago, it's a sport" -Dick Gregory.

Now, in the spirit of casting a vote, I present to you my choice for "Lawyer of the Month" for the month of October: **ROBERT MALESTEIN** (for the record, I agree with Rob...there is nothing better to have in your iPod than Bruce!).

1. Nickname: **Rob**
 2. Birthday/Place of Birth: **March 17, 1965; Ridgewood, NJ**
 3. Current Hometown: **Hopewell Township**
 4. Names of your Spouse/Children: **Susan/Samantha and Carly**
 5. Undergrad/Law School: **Rutgers College/New England School of Law**
 6. Areas of Practice: **Workers' Compensation; County Government**
 7. Describe your First Car: **1970 Chevrolet Camaro - passed down from aunt to brother to me**
 8. Favorite Hobby: **Who has time for hobbies?**
 9. All-time Favorite Movie: **The Wizard of Oz - although I will not admit it publicly!**
 10. Favorite Type of Music: **1980's - What can I say?**
 11. What is currently playing in your CD or on your iPod: **Bruce - Is there anything else?**
 12. Last Book you Read: **The Lost Symbol**
 13. Favorite Food: **Italian cold cut hero - Italian Carousel, Ramsey, NJ**
 14. Favorite Vacation Spot: **Lake Winnepesaukee**
 15. Favorite Sports Team: **Boston Red Sox**
 16. If I won the Power Ball Lottery I would: **Take a nice, extended vacation (and buy something nice for my beautiful wife and kids)**
 17. If I wasn't an attorney I would be: **A professional student**
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SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, October 22nd– Professionalism Award Luncheon at Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick.

Thursday, October 29th– General Membership Meeting, “Meet the Judges and Law Clerks” at Running Deer Golf Club in Pittsgrove.

Monday, November 30th–General Membership Meeting, “State Bar Night” at New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville.

Friday, December 11th– Cumberland County Bar Association Holiday Cocktail Party at Winfield’s in Millville.

Wednesday, January 20th– General Membership Meeting, “Vicinage XV Address” at Cumberland County College in Vineland.

Thursday, February 25th– General Membership Dinner, “Celebrating Our 40/50 Year Members” at Centerton County Club in Pittsgrove.

March 26th– Tri-County Dinner hosted by Cumberland County Bar Association at Running Deer Golf Club in Pittsgrove.

Friday, April 30th– Law Day Breakfast at Gia’s in Bridgeton and Law Day Golf Tournament (course to be determined).

Thursday, May 20th– “Annual Party on the Deck” at Hotel Charlesworth in Fortescue.

June– Installation Dinner of New Officers and Board of Trustees (to be determined).

A MESSAGE FROM GEORGIA CURIO, ASSIGNMENT JUDGE

NOTICE TO THE BAR

Modification to Criminal Division Backlog Reduction Program

Beginning October 26, 2009, the Criminal Division will resume scheduling Criminal matters for trial, with one week per month dedicated to status conferences and motion hearings; prior to October 26, 2009, the Plea Cut-Off Rule will be relaxed; therefore, matters currently on the trial list may be negotiated and where appropriate, pleas entered. After October 26, 2009, the Plea Cut-Off Rule will be STRICTLY ENFORCED, with authority to accept pleas from the trial list to be obtained from the Criminal Presiding judge or, in his unavailability, the Assignment Judge. Parties are encouraged to review their files at this time and pursue whatever negotiations they deem appropriate prior to October 26. Thereafter, the Plea Cut-Off Rule will be strictly enforced.

This modification to the Backlog Reduction Program will be reviewed and reassessed periodically. If necessary, the original Backlog Reduction Program will be reinstated.

MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

The New Jersey Supreme Court has adopted the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) requirement, as anticipated. The program commences January 1, 2010 and requires 24 credits in a two year period.

We have already begun to work with the Gloucester County Bar Association to offer credits to the members of Vicinage XV. The April 2010 Saturday will be in Gloucester County, and the September 2010 Saturday will be in Salem County and the December 2010 Saturday will be in Cumberland County. These three Saturdays should give our membership ample opportunity to earn 12 credits (from a total offering of 18 Saturday credits). Gloucester County Bar Association will also have their usual Thursday afternoon seminars during the other months resulting in 12 more credits available during the year. This way, the vicinage-wide CLE program will offer a minimum of 30 credits next year.

NOTICE FROM THE MATRIMONIAL COMMITTEE

The Matrimonial Committee is attempting to obtain information concerning possible problems with individuals obtaining Domestic Violence Orders. If you are aware of an individual who has attempted to obtain a TRO during off-Courthouse hours, and has been instructed to wait until the Courthouse was open, would you please pass that information to the Committee.

It would be helpful if the information contained the name of individual, the time and date of the event, and the individual who instructed the victim to wait and apply for the TRO at a latter date at the Courthouse.

Thank you for your assistance,
Carl W. Cavagnaro, Esquire
Chair, Cumberland County Matrimonial Committee

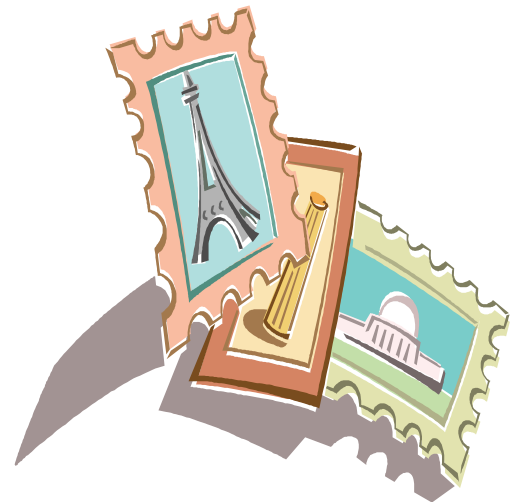
CIVIL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

The Civil Practice Committee will meet on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. at the Law Office of Radano & Lide, located at 78 West Park Avenue in Vineland. The committee will discuss various recent issues concerning the practice of law. Any Cumberland County Bar Association member interested in serving on the committee should contact the Chair, Michael J. Gaffney, Esquire at michael.gaffney2@gmail.com or at (856) 691-2500. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Mike should you have any concerns you would like the committee to discuss. Some of the issues already slated to be discussed are Arbitrator Hearings/Arbitrators as well as other issues concerning the bar.

CENTENNIAL CACHE STAMPS OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1909-2009

Bennett Bardfeld has Cache Stamps Commemorating the Centennial of the Cumberland County Courthouse 1909-2009. If you would like a stamp, please contact Bennett. They are \$2.00 if you would like it sent by mail to you or \$1.00 if you would like to pick up the stamp at his office.

He also has a limited amount of stamps for the 1995 Dedication of the Cumberland County Courthouse and the 100th Anniversary of the Bar Association (1999).



BAR ASSOCIATION SNIPPETS FROM TED RITTER, C.C.B.A. HISTORIAN

Locations where Cumberland County Bar Association
Annual Installation Dinners have been held:

The Savoy, Vineland	1974
Cohanzick Country Club, Fairton	1975
Smithville Inn, Galloway Township	1977
Centerton Golf Club, Centerton	1980
The Grand Old House, Bridgeton	1982
Harrah's Hotel Casino, Atlantic City	1983
The Neptune, Vineland	1985
Ye Olde Midway Inn, Buena	1991
Buena Vista Country Club, Buena	1994
Elaine's Dinner Theatre, Cape May	1996
Rams Head Inn, Absecon	1999
Centerton Inn, Centerton	2000
Scotland Run Golf Club, Williamstown	2002
Two Mile Landing, Wildwood Crest	2003
Winfield's Restaurant, Millville	2004
Lucia's Restaurant, Vineland	2005
The Garden Room, Vineland	2006
Running Deer Golf Club, Pittsgrove	2008
Thunderbolt Motor Sports Park, Millville	2009

THE 2009 PROFESSIONALISM AWARD RECIPIENT MELVILLE LIDE, ESQUIRE

The Cumberland County Bar Association congratulates Melville Lide, Esquire as being selected for the Professionalism Award. This award is presented to an attorney who is respected by their colleagues for their character, competence and exemplary professional behavior.

Melville first began his legal career in Cumberland County in 1978 as a Law Clerk for Kavesh & Basile, while he attended law school at Rutgers-Camden. After law school, he was hired as an Associate at Kavesh & Basile, which later became Kavesh, Basile, Radano & Healey.

In early 1983, Mel became a Partner with the newly formed firm of Basile, Testa, Testa & Radano. In late 1983, Nicholas G. Radano left the firm and Mel joined him briefly as an Associate before forming the Partnership of Radano & Lide in late 1984, where he has practiced for the past 25 years. Although Melville does not reside in Cumberland County, he has thoroughly enjoyed practicing law here his entire professional career.

A luncheon will be given to honor Mel and other attorneys who will receive the Professionalism Award throughout the state on Thursday, October 22, 2009 in New Brunswick. If you would like to salute Melville and these other outstanding attorneys, please see the attached form at the end of the October Et Seq.

DO YOU HAVE OFFICE SPACE OR A VACATION RENTAL?

ADVERTISE IN THE ET SEQ.

We are still taking Ads to be published in the Et Seq. All payments are due **prior** to the posting.

Quarter Page	\$25.00 per issue
Half Page	\$50.00 per issue
Full Page	\$100.00 per issue

Discounts are available for multiple month postings: 10% off for 3 months, 15% off for 6 months and 20% off for a full year. Please note that there is no Et. Seq. published with in July or August.



UPCOMING YOUNG LAWYERS EVENTS



WINEMAKING EVENT. Come join us on Monday, **October 12, 2009** for the **2nd Annual YLS Wine Making Event** hosted and sponsored by Noah B. Rosenfarb, CPA, ABV, PFS, CDFS of Freedom Wealth Advisors! During this event, you'll have the opportunity to learn about the wine-making process and get hands-on experience using special equipment to de-stem and crush the grapes. It promises to be a fun and interactive event! Additionally, a delicious dinner spread and plenty of wine will be provided to all participants. All participants will also be invited to the Wine Bottling Event in June, 2010 and will be able to take home a bottle of our YLS-created wine! This event is **ABSOLUTELY FREE**, so please be sure to sign up! Guests will receive complimentary dinner, wine, and an entry into a wine raffle. All interested in attending must RSVP by October 9, 2009 to ylsmarketing@gmail.com.

THE HUNT. Time is running out to register for the **Annual Far Hills Race Meeting** a.k.a. "The Hunt"!!! On October 17, 2009, YLS will be co-hosting a tailgate at "The Hunt" with the Young Lawyers Division of the NJSBA. This event includes a day of horse racing, featuring some of the finest steeplechasers in the world! However, to add to the fun is a morning and afternoon of food, drinks and socializing at this all-day tailgate party. You are more than welcome to bring your friends, spouses, or significant others to the event—however, you will have to reserve tickets for them in advance to take advantage of the \$85 price. This event is open to all Family Law Section Members! Gates open at 8:00 a.m. and post time is 12:30 p.m. The event is \$85 per person, which includes your ticket to the Races, a tailgate picnic, and a selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (Parking passes can also be purchased for an additional \$30.00). This is a great opportunity to get to know other NJSBA members in a social setting while enjoying a timeless Jersey tradition! **Registration** has been extended so all interested in attending should register asap online at:

https://ssl.comprehost.com/njsba/calendar_events/index.cfm?fuseaction=view_details&meetingID=YLD101709. Any questions, please contact Elena Garrahan, Meeting Manager at (732) 937-7539 or go to the NJSBA website (www.njsba.org) to register. On Race Day, tickets will be sold for \$100, so register today and save!

BREAKFAST SEMINAR. This Fall the Young Lawyers Subcommittee of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Family Law Section is hosting its second annual BREAKFAST SEMINAR SERIES. This three (3) part series focuses on "Taking a Case through the Family Court System" and is a fantastic learning and networking opportunity. The seminars are hosted in a convenient North Jersey and South Jersey location to make them accessible to young attorneys across the State. And, as with most of our programs, the seminars are totally FREE! The first seminar took place on September 22, 2009 and was well attended at both the North Jersey and South Jersey locations. Mark your calendars for the second seminar to be held on October 20th from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., and the final seminar to be held on November 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.. Breakfast and materials will be provided. The South Jersey location will be at Adinolfi & Goldstein, P.A. located at 4 Kings Highway East in Haddonfield. If you are interested in attending the seminars at the South Jersey location, *and have not already done so*, please RSVP to: tdinicola@dinicola.com. Space is limited so it is important to RSVP if you have not already. (For info on the North Jersey location please contact ariggi@riker.com).

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Bar Foundation: All Officers and Trustees , William Gilson, Samuel Serata and Victor Druziako

Bench Bar: Edward Duffy, Chair

Children's Holiday Party: Emily Buonadonna and Beth White, Co-Chairs

Civil Practice: Michael Gaffney, Chair

Criminal Practice: Jennifer Webb-McRae, Chair

Elder Law/ Estate Planning: Mark Kutner, Chair

Et Seq.: Arnold Robinson, Chair

Judicial Selection: 2007-2010: Susan Romeo, Vincent Pancari, Chair and Cherylann Ferrigno; 2008-2011: Robert DeSanto, Joseph Chiarello and Steven Rothman; 2010-2012: Jeff DiLazzero, Michael Testa, Sr. and Matthew Ritter

Law Day: Evan Lide

Liberty Bell Award: Arnold Robinson, Millville; David Raczenback, Bridgeton; Harold Shapiro, Vineland

Matrimonial: Carl Cavagnaro, Chair

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Worker's Compensation: Victoria Kavanagh, Chair

**If you are interested
in joining a committee,
please contact the
Committee Chair listed.**

Professionalism Awards Luncheon

**Thursday, October 22, 2009 12 noon Hyatt
Regency, New Brunswick**

The New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law proudly invites you to attend its annual awards luncheon, where we will pay tribute to outstanding lawyers who exemplify the values that frame our unique and noble profession.

THE DANIEL J. O'HERN AWARD will honor Richard A. Norris, a lawyer who has exhibited a commitment to the highest ideals of professionalism along with significant career achievements and service to the bar and community.

PROFESSIONAL LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS will be presented, in cooperation with bar associations across the state, to lawyers who are respected by colleagues for their character, competence and exemplary professional behavior.

The commission will pay tribute to the contributions of the late Justice Daniel J. O'Hern. Our keynote speaker will be retired Supreme Court Justice Robert L. Clifford.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon, and the program will begin at 1 p.m.

Please help us salute these outstanding lawyers!

If you would like to attend this special event, complete and return the attached registration form.

Mail registration to: New Jersey State Bar Association, One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, NJ 089011500, Meeting #PRR102209 Attn: Information Services. FAX to 7322492414.

Registration deadline is October 19, and refunds will only be made for cancellations prior to that date.

**PROFESSIONALISM AWARDS LUNCHEON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22,
2009**

Name _____ Member ID (if applicable) _____
 _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____
 _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____
 _____ Total payment of \$ _____ for (number of) _____ reservation(s) at \$35 per person. Check
 enclosed (made payable to the NJSBA) Charge to: Visa MasterCard American Express I will pay at the door Name on card
 _____ Account number _____ Signature _____
 (required when using a credit card) _____ Exp. Date _____ List all attendees _____

The Cumberland County Bar Association
 respectfully invites the
 Cumberland County Judiciary, Vicinage XV
 Presiding Judges and their Law Clerks
 as Guests at its Annual Dinner in their Honor

on

Thursday, October 29, 2009
 5:30 Cocktails (Cash Bar) & Hors D'Oeuvres
 6:30 Dinner

Running Deer Golf Club
 1111 Parvin Mill Road, Pittsgrove

COST: \$40.00 pp
Vicinage XV Judges and Law Clerks FREE

Dinner Selections: all dinners include artisan breads, garden salad, starch,
 vegetable & Pumpkin Crème Brulee

- _____ Plank roasted Atlantic Salmon with lemon herb butter
- _____ Filet mignon wrapped in applewood bacon (all Med-well)
- _____ South Jersey chicken with a cranberry & roasted shallot glaze

_____ will be attending the Thursday,
 October 29, 2009 General Membership Meeting. I have enclosed a check for the
 amount of \$_____ for my dinner.

**Please respond with your dinner choice and payment no later than Friday,
 October 23rd to:**

Cumberland County Bar Association
 P.O. Box 2374
 Vineland, NJ 08362
 Telephone: (856) 696-5550 Fax: (856) 696-5558

Reservations made and not honored will be invoiced