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December 2007 Newsletter of the Cumberland County Bar Association
Arnold Robinson, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Bonnie L. Laube

Tis the season...as I was driving home slipping and sliding in the snow and ice after our Board meeting last night I had plenty of time to think about all of the additional responsibilities that come with being the President of this organization. I've concluded it is a good thing! I've had such wonderful experiences seeing all of the good work that we do and spending time with excited and enthused Board members who work hard to make sure that the organization runs smoothly.

On November 16th I had the pleasure of attending a portion of the National Adoption Day Program held in Cumberland County. Over 20 children were adopted that day and I felt honored to be a part of the process. It was heartwarming to watch as stuffed animals and dictionaries donated by our organization were handed out to happy smiling children and their new parents. All of the Judges in the Family Division and the staff at the Courthouse are to be commended for making that day such a special day for so many.

This month there will be many more smiles as children—some of the neediest in the county—are treated and celebrated at our annual party for them on Saturday, December 15th. The shopping elves were out last Sunday and purchased all sorts of goodies to ensure that the holidays will be happy for the children that attend our party. Sue Romeo and Rob O'Donnell deserve our thanks for planning a fabulous party and we hope that you will come help us wrap the gifts on December 7th and/or hand them out with Santa on the 15th.

Lastly, please plan to join your fellow CCBA friends on Friday, December 14th at our annual Holiday cocktail party at Winfield's. The sign up sheet has been circulated and I hope that the members will take time from busy schedules to share some holiday cheer with each other—spouses and friends welcome.

Happy Holidays to all and may you be blessed with good health, happiness and prosperity during the holidays and in 2008!

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**CUMBERLAND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY**



The CCBA's annual holiday party for children from Cumberland County will be held at Gia's at 9: 00 am on Saturday, December 15, 2007 - we are expecting approximately 100 children. The party is going to be a huge success thanks to the hard work and endless hours of preparation by the co-chairs, Sue Romeo and Rob O'Donnell. **Volunteers are needed** to serve the food, interact with our guests and help Santa with all of the gifts, so please try to come out. The smiles and delight of the little ones attending the party will be a wonderful addition to your holiday season.

Donations for the party would be greatly appreciated and should be forwarded to Bonnie Laube, P.O. Box 883, Vineland, New Jersey 08362. We thank all of you who have already donated and will publish a list of all donors in the January edition of the Et Seq.

MEMORIES OF PHILIP L. LIPMAN
By Ted Ritter, CCBA Historian

Author's Note: Part I appeared in the November, 2007 *Et Seq.* Please forward Phil Lipman stories to me to be included in a part III. THR

The best Phil Lipman story I ever heard was told by his partner, Americo B. (Rick) Antonelli at a Cumberland County Bar Association dinner, held in Phil's honor, in the early 1990's.

As Rick told it, Phil was opening his practice in Vineland and had rented a two room office suite on the second floor of a building in the 600 block of Landis Avenue.

Phil's secretary occupied the outer office which doubled as the waiting room. Phil occupied the inner office. In those days there was no air conditioning. Windows and doors were often kept open. There was a transom above the door separating the two rooms of the office suite.

On their first day in the new office a man arrived and asked the secretary if he could see Mr. Lipman.

Phil, seizing the opportunity to impress the stranger, told the secretary to have the man take a seat while Phil completed some important business.

From the inner room, Phil pretended to be speaking by telephone to a Judge who had called Phil for legal advise in a case which was, at that very moment, in the midst of trial. In a voice loud enough to easily be heard in the next room, Phil gave the Judge his opinion on several legal issues and concluded the call by thanking the Judge for calling him.

Phil then called out loud, to the secretary, to have the man come in.

Seated behind his desk, trying to appear prosperous, Phil explained to the visitor "I'm sorry to keep you waiting but that call was Judge so-and-so who frequently telephones me for legal advice... Now, what can I do for you?"

The visitor replied "I'm here to hook up your telephone."

As with many Phil Lipman legends, there is probably some element of truth to the story.



Wishing
LOUIS SHAPIRO,
CCBA Board Member,
a speedy recovery.

**Our condolences to Judge Jose LaBoy on the
recent loss of two dear family members**

SAVE THE DATES

December 14, 2007 Friday 5:30 pm
Annual Holiday Cocktail Party at Winfield's

December 15, 2007 Saturday 9:00 am
Annual Children's Holiday party with Santa
at Gia's.

PILOT MENTORING PROGRAM

Under the direction of Ted Ritter, the Cumberland County Bar Association would like to implement a Pilot Mentoring Program and we are seeking attorney volunteers to serve as members. Briefly, each new attorney joining the CCBA will be assigned a volunteer attorney mentor who has at least 20 years in the Bar and who is not employed in the same office as the new attorney. The mentor and the new attorney will be encouraged to attend the CCBA general membership meetings together and meet at least twice during the first year of the mentoring relationship. The program details are still in the development phase however, if you are interested in being a volunteer mentor please contact Ted Ritter.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION

It is with great sadness that we have to report that Eleanore Mesiano, our Executive Director, has resigned, effective December 7, 2007. The Board of the CCBA is grateful for all of Eleanore's hard work and we wish her the very best in her new position at Omni Baking Co. Joe Ruth has been appointed the Chair of the Search Committee to find Eleanore's replacement. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the position, kindly forward any resumes and/or questions to Joe.



ATTEND OUR MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS!

**Become an active participant in the
Cumberland County Bar Association.**

It is **YOUR organization.**

**The success of the CCBA is determined by your participation.
(Notice of the next meeting is on the last page of the Et Seq)**

NOTICES TO THE BAR

DUES: PLEASE! If you have not paid your dues please take a moment to take care of this very important detail. Prompt payment would be appreciated.

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE The LRS is still in need of volunteers. If you need an application or more information please contact Bonnie Laube at 691-0424.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE If anyone is interested in serving on the Fundraising Committee, and specifically the Art Auction Committee, please contact **Brendan Kavanagh**, Vice President, Fundraising at 856-765-9900

2008 MEDAL OF HONOR AWARD The New Jersey State Bar Foundation is soliciting nominations for its 2008 Medal of Honor Award given annually to lawyers and law-related professionals, as well as lay people, who best exemplify either or both of the following criteria;

1. Significant contribution to the advancement or improvement of the justice system or the betterment of the legal profession in New Jersey.

2. Professional excellence as demonstrated by accomplishments in the law; or service to the profession and the community during their careers.

Deadline: Friday, January 4, 2008. If you would like to nominate a lawyer or non-lawyer for this prestigious Medal of Honor Award, contact Bonnie Laube at 691-0424 for the Nomination Form.

SOUTH JERSEY LEGAL SERVICES Please take note of the new address and telephone numbers for SJLS: 411 Fayette Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey, 08302. Phone: 856-451-0003, 856-678-6492 or 856-964-2010. Fax: 856-455-4945.

NEW BLOCK AND LOT NUMBERS IN VINELAND Please be advised that the City of Vineland has implemented new block and lot numbers for all Vineland properties. To find the new numbers go to vinelandcity.org and click on the link at the top, "Block & Lots" and put in the old block and lot numbers. If you have any questions contact the Tax Assessor, Don Siefrit at 856-794-4000, ext. 4287.

CONTACT INFORMATION Please note that until a new Executive Director is hired, all letters, emails and telephone calls should be directed to President Laube at:

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**CUMBERLAND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
2007—2008 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

December 14	Winfield's Restaurant
5:30	Cocktail Party
January 31	Luciano's Conference Center Cumberland County College
5:30	Cocktails
6:30	Dinner & Program—Details to follow
February 27	Ramada Inn
5:30	Cocktails
6:30	Dinner & Program—Honoring members of the Cumberland County Bar Association
March 28	Adelphia Restaurant
	Tri-County meeting—details to follow
May 1	Gia's Hall
8:00	Law Day Breakfast Celebration
May 28	Charlesworth Hotel
5:00	Party on the Deck!
6:30	Dinner & Program—Election Meeting

Committees:

Bankruptcy: Nathan VanEmbden, Chair

Bar Foundation: All Officers & Trustees, Bill Gilson, Samuel Serata, Arthur Marchand, Jr.

Bench Bar: Edward F. Duffy, Chair

Children's Holiday Party: Robert O'Donnell and Susan Romeo, Co-Chairs

Continuing Legal Education: Edward F. Duffy, Chair

Civil Practice: Michael L. Testa, Sr., Chair

Criminal Practice: Jennifer Webb-McRae, Chair

Delegates to General Council: Officers, Linda Lawhun, Jose Silva, Jennifer Webb-McRae, Matthew Ritter, Frank DiDomenico

Elder Law/Estate Planning: Mark Kutner, Chair

Et Seq: Arnold Robinson, Editor

Historical: Theodore Ritter, Chair

Judicial Selection: 2007-2010: Sue Romeo, Vince Pancari, Chair, and Tina Kell; 2006-2009: Todd Heck, Robert O'Donnell, Matthew Ritter; 2005-2008: Jay H. Greenblatt, Arnold Robinson, and Terry Stomel

Law Day: Emily Buonadonna, Chair

Lawyer Referral Service: Ad Hoc

Liberty Bell Award: Arnold Robinson, Millville; Matthew Ritter, Bridgeton; Gary Wodlinger, Vineland

Matrimonial: Carl Cavagnaro, Chair

Membership: William F. Reilly, Jr., Chair; Vacancy, Bridgeton; Joseph Ruth, Vineland; Brendan Kavanagh, Millville

Mock Trial: Walter Schultz, Chair

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Pro Bono: Brenda Rascher and Kate Myers, Co-Chairs

Special Civil Part:

Website: Bonnie Laube, Chair

Welcome: Hon. Robert Butler, Chair

Young Lawyers: Maria V. Go, Chair

Workers Compensation: Robert Malestein, Chair

If you are interested in joining a committee please contact the Chairperson.