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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, by Edward F. Duffy

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*And more, much more than this, I did it my way. -  
- "My Way" (P. Anka et al.)*

I started out this year with a promise to the Bar Association and a promise to myself. I feel reasonably confident that I have kept both. I've enjoyed the experience of being President despite the fact that I considered my term an obligation—an obligation that all members of our Bar Association share—to participate and take a turn to lead.

While a number of events occurred that weren't contemplated last June, some good, some bad, I have been amazed at the universal good will evinced by an overwhelming number of you, my fellow attorneys, both within our Association and those, for various reasons, outside the Association. I remain puzzled at those who, nursing some long ago slight or hurt, refuse to participate. As I said in my first article last August, the Association is not "a monolithic entity" but an affiliation of people sharing common experiences and concerns with an ever-changing slate of officers and trustees at the helm. For this year's Trustees and Officers, I thank them for their efforts and support.

I am grateful that so many of you have acknowledged these articles over the past year, whether you've agreed with the sentiments or not. A writer simply wants to be read. My liberal use of quotes has led to a fair amount of teasing but I've taken that in stride. As Stephen Wright said, "If you tell a joke in the forest, but nobody laughs, was it a joke?"

I will close with two quotes. The first is for Bennett Bardfeld who was not happy with my October article on embracing the new technologies: I believe Bennett would share the following sentiment of Mahatma Gandhi: "There is more to life than increasing its speed."

On a final note, I thought I would share with you my favorite quote of all, not surprisingly from the singularly American author and wit. I have tried to live my life by it and I offer it to you:

"If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything."  
(Mark Twain, Notebook, 1894)

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**NEWS FLASH**



***CONGRATULATIONS!***

*Emily & Brett Buondonna  
welcome the arrival of*

*Mia Grace  
7lbs, 9 oz  
June 16, 2007*



**KEVIN P. McCANN**, a co-founder of the Bridgeton law firm of Chance & McCann took the oath of office as Secretary of the New Jersey State Bar Association on Thursday, May 17th during the association's annual meeting, which was held at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Resort in Atlantic City. Kevin is a resident of Upper Deerfield Township with his wife Sheila. They have two daughters, Shanna McCann, Esq., and Kristin McCann who is a student of veterinary medicine at St. George's University. With his installation as secretary, McCann will be on track to serve as president of the NJSBA in 2012. When he becomes president he will be the first president from Bridgeton in nearly a century.



*Et Seq* has just learned that our colleague, **MICHAEL L TESTA, Sr.**, has been chosen to receive the 2007 Trial Bar Award presented by the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey. Watch for an in depth article, respecting the Trial Bar Award and Mike's selection, in the next *Et Seq*.

**SNIPPETS FROM THE ARCHIVES by Ted Ritter, CCBA Historian**More Jobs Held Before the Practice of Law

Samuel Serata	Fuller Brush Man
Mitchell Berman	Warehouse Laborer
Bennett Bardfeld	Licensed Insurance Agent
Hon. Stanley S. Brotman	Shoe Store Clerk
Joe Veight	Grocery Store Clerk
Susan Iacovone	Blueberry Packer
Andy Caffrey	Glass Blower
Brock Russell	Poolside Waiter
Arnold Robinson	Dump Truck Driver
Joe O'Neill	Landscape Crew Laborer
Matthew Ritter	Ford Dealer Lot Attendant
Anthony Fiola	House Painter
John Jespersion	Termite Exterminator
Bonnie Laube	Registered Nurse
Hon. William L. Forrester	Professional Baseball Player
Shelly Schulman	Record Store Clerk
Michael Benson	Delivery Truck Driver
Howard Melnicove	Pretzel Twister
Louis C. Shapiro	Newspaper Reporter
Bill Gant	Tennis Instructor

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**CUMBERLAND COUNTY PROSECUTORS 1924 TO 2007**

- \*Thomas G. Tuso 1924 to 1929 and 1934 to 1947
- \*Benjamin Stevens 1929 to 1934
- \*George H. Stanger, Sr. 1947 to 1958
- \*Joseph P. Tuso 1958 to 1973
- William P. Doherty, Jr. 1973 to 1980
- Kenneth A. Pagliughi 1980 to 1985
- Steven S. Neder 1985 to 1990
- Michael Brooke Fisher 1991 to 1995
- Arthur J. Marchand 1996 to 2003
- Ronald J. Casella 2003 to present

\*Deceased

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**CUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNSEL 1957 to 2007**

- \*Bertram R.B. Aitken
- \*Ivan M. Sherman
- Richard J. Geiger
- Samuel J. Serata
- Gary D. Wodlinger

\*Deceased

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In October, 1992, the Civil Practice Committee, of the Cumberland County Bar Association adopted and forwarded to the Cumberland County Medical Society, a proposed compact between the two organizations respecting charges for treating physician's reports and in-court testimony.

At the same meeting, the Committee resolved to request an investigation, by the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office, into the alleged unauthorized practice of law by the Cumberland County Divorce Center and by Personal Documents, Inc., "A non-lawyer form preparation service," both of which were then operating in Vineland.



# *THANK YOU*

*Art Auction June 8, 2007*

The CCBF would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their monetary donations: Craig Altman, Esq., Ed Constante Tires, Inc., Gerald Eisenstat, Esq., George H. Stanger, Jr., A.J.S.C.(Ret), Marian Haag, Esq., Maturo Realty, Milton Brown, Esq., Ned Rogovoy, Esq., R. Douglas Smithson, Robert Greenberg, Esq., Steven Kernan, Esq., and Susquehanna.

## **Special Thanks to the Following Contributors to the Silent Auction**

Atlantic City Surf Baseball Club, Basile & Testa, Brendan & Victoria Kavanagh, Center for Health & Fitness, Clay College of Cumberland County College, Commerce Bank, Before & After Hair Center, Dana M. Blaney, Esq., Denny's, Dondero's, Eagles Football Team, Greenblatt & Laube, P.C., Harvest Community Bank/Mark Kelty, JC Penny's, Joseph Chiarello, Esq., Joseph R. Delgado, Inc., Jules Portrait Studio, Kevin & Sheila McCann, Madrigal Natural Gifts from Around the World, Merighi Savoy Inn, Mike Fioretti, Esq./Chance & McCann, New Jersey Devils, New York Giants, New York Jets, Pastina's, Phillip S. VanEmbden, Philly Phantoms, Port of Call Restaurant, Running Deer Golf Club, Shear Impact, Sparkle Kleen, Sun Bank, Toadfish Bar & Grill/Tom Seeley, Esq., Vintage Tea Room, Wilmington Blue Rocks.

## **Notice to the Bar from Brendan J. Kavanagh Art Auction Chairperson**

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the Bar Association who attended and/or contributed to our inaugural Art, Sports and Entertainment Memorabilia Auction held at Cumberland County College on June 8, 2007. By all accounts, this year's event was a great success and a great time was had by all.

I specifically want to thank all the Vice-Chairpersons of the Events Committee including: Liz Vogelsong, Matthew Ritter, Rebecca Bertram, Joe Ruth, Maria Go, and Joe Chiarello. A special thanks should also go out to Mike Testa, Jr. for securing a significant donation in the amount of \$1,500 worth of free beer and wine from Shop Rite Liquors (Frank Guaracini, Jr.). In addition, special recognition should be given to R. Doug Smithson of Wachovia Securities in Vineland for being this year's Gold Sponsor (\$2,500 donation!)

Lastly, please take a moment to pat on the back our Executive Director, Eleanore Mesiano who went above and beyond the call of duty ( and acted as my right arm!) in organizing the event.

As many of you know , the art auction replaced our Law Day golf outing fundraiser. I am happy to report that the net profit from the art auction was **\$13,000** which will be used by the Bar Foundation to fund scholarships, the children's holiday breakfast and other charitable programs.

Once again, I sincerely thank all those individuals who made this year's event a great success and I look forward to your continued support for next year's auction!

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS....are YOU interested?**

From time to time issues are brought before the Board of Directors and the Board, in turn, refers the matter to one or more of our local committees for their consideration and recommendation. In the next few weeks a full list of all of the Committees and the names of the Chair(s) of those Committees is going to be published. Please take a few minutes to consider volunteering to serve on one or more of the Committees as we can only be successful if everyone pitches in to help where they can.

President Edward F. Duffy  
and the Board of Trustees of the  
Cumberland County Bar Association  
would like to express their thanks and  
appreciation to

**GERALD M. EISENSTAT, Esq.**

for his outstanding performance in arranging the  
Four County Bar Dinner on May 3, 2007  
to honor the  
Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court,  
Honorable James R. Zazzali.

Due to his hard work and effort, the evening  
was not only successful, but also memorable.

## COMMITTEES:

**Bankruptcy:** Nathan VanEmbden, Chair

**Bar Foundation:** All Officers & Trustees, Bill Gilson, Samuel Serata, Joseph Chiarello

**Bench/Bar:** Edward F. Duffy, Chair

**Civil Practice:** Michael L. Testa, Sr., Chair; Joseph Ruth, Trustee Appointment

**Criminal Practice:** Jennifer Webb-McRae, Chair; Louis Shapiro, Trustee Appointment

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

**Elder Law:** Mark Kutner, Chair

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**Historical:** Ted Ritter, Chair

**Judicial Selection: 2006-2009:** Todd Heck, Rob O'Donnell, Matthew Ritter; **2005-2008** Jay Greenblatt, Arnold Robinson, Terry Stomel; **2004-2007** Michael Testa, Chair, Joseph Chiarello, Robert Pryor

**Law Day:** Liz Vogelsong, Junior Trustee, Chair

**Lawyer Referral Service:** Ad Hoc

**Liberty Bell Award:** Arnold Robinson, Chair

**Matrimonial:** Carl Cavagnaro, Chair; Rebecca Bertram, Trustee Appointment

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

**Mock Trial:** Walter Schultz, Chair

**Municipal Court:** Gary Wodlinger, Chair; Matthew Ritter, Trustee Appointment

**Nuts & Bolts:** Emily Buonadonna, Chair

**Professionalism:** Michael Capizola, Theodore Ritter

**Real Estate:** Bennett Bardfeld, Chair

**Scholarship:** Bonnie Laube, Chair

**South Jersey Legal Services:** Brenda Rascher, Chair

**Special Civil Part:** Michael Hoffman, Chair

**Website:** Bonnie Laube, Chair

**Welcome:** Hon. Robert Butler, Chair

**Young Lawyers:** Liz Vogelsong and Maria Go, Co Chairs, Edward Duffy, Joseph Ruth, Matthew Ritter

**Workers Compensation:** Robert Malestein, Chair; Maria Go, Trustee Appointment

**If you would like to join a committee, please contact its Chairperson**