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at Domus
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Watch mail for invitation

NCBA BOARD OF DIRECTOR ORIENTATION

Thursday, June 8, 2017
12:30 p.m. at Domus
All 2017-2018 Board members are invited to attend

ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING

Monday, June 12, 2017
5:30 p.m. at Domus
All 2017-2018 Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs are asked to attend

NCBA DOMUS OPEN GOLF OUTING

EISENHOWER "THE RED"
Monday, June 19, 2017
Registration 12pm
Shotgun Start 1pm
Golf and BBQ - \$195pp
BBQ Only - \$75pp 5:30pm at the Carltun
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NCBA Member Benefit - I.D. Card Photo

Obtain your photo for Secure Pass Court ID cards at NCBA Tech Center Only For New Applicants
Cost \$10 • June 6, 7 & 8, 2017 • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:45 p.m. at Domus
Thursday, June 15, 2017 12:45 p.m. at Domus



Volunteer attorneys providing the highest number of pro bono hours of service last year. (l-r) Access to Justice Committee Co-Chair Joseph Harbeson; Non-Legal Provider Honoree Harold Deiters III from Baker Tilly; Top Medium Firm Stephen Schlissel of Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos; Top Small Firm/Solo Janet Connolly, Esq.; NCBA President Martha Krisel; and Top Large Firm team of Brittany Perskin and Daryl Leon of Proskauer Rose; Hon. Ira Warshawsky of Meyer Suozzi English & Klein; and Christopher Raimondi of Raimondi Law. Photo by Hector Herrera

Access to Justice Honors 400 Attorneys & Top Law Firms

By Valerie Zurblis

Long Island's top 27 law firms and sole practitioners and 400 volunteer attorneys who provided the most pro bono hours of service in 2016 were honored at the Third Annual Access to Justice Pro Bono Recognition Reception on April 6, hosted by the Nassau County Bar Association (NCBA), The Safe Center LI and Nassau Suffolk Law Services.

"Helping as many people in need is our ultimate goal," said Nassau County Bar Association President Martha Krisel, whose top priority remains access to justice for everyone. "I am incredibly proud of the volunteer attorneys who work with NCBA and our not-for-profit legal service partners, who work tirelessly to ensure access to the civil justice system."

"The premise of the recognition is to honor those who place the highest priority on helping society and those less fortunate.

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Nassau Academy of Law

On Trial: The Preparation and Trial of a Matrimonial Action

By Christine T. Quigley

On April 20, 2017, the Nassau Academy of Law (NAL), in collaboration with The Safe Center LI, Nassau Suffolk Law Services and the NCBA Matrimonial Law Committee, hosted "On Trial: The Preparation and Trial of a Matrimonial Action" at the Nassau County Bar Association (NCBA). The CLE program was presented by Stephen Gassman, Esq., an esteemed litigator and the senior partner of the Garden City matrimonial and family law firm, Gassman Baiamonte Gruner, P.C.

Mr. Gassman provided a comprehensive guide to preparing for, and conducting, trials based on his extensive career as a trial attorney, spanning some forty years of practice. His presentation was replete with practical tips for the novice, as well as for more seasoned litigators, and peppered with illustrative anecdotes that were as entertaining as they were educational. Mr. Glassman set the convivial tone of the evening from the onset, opening with the acknowledgment that trial preparation is a serious endeavor requiring extensive preparation, then

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NCBA members had an opportunity to hear from Stephen Gassman, one of Long Island's highly regarded matrimonial attorneys, at the April 20 three-credit CLE program, "On Trial: The Preparation and Trial of a Matrimonial Action." Gassman shared a wealth of information and his experiences enlightening more than 70 attorneys on trial preparation, advocacy skills, strategy and evidence through all aspects of a matrimonial trial. Gassman is a Past President of NCBA and the founder of We Care.

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Rivkin Radler LLP
Farrell Fritz, P.C.
Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C.
Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo
& Terrana, LLP
Jaspan Schlesinger LLP
Meyer Suozzi English & Klein, P.C.

Medium Firms

Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos, PLLC
Gassman, Baiamonte, Gruner, P.C.
*Carway & Flipse
*Horing Welikson & Rosen, P.C.
Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman,
Eisman, Formato, Ferrara & Wolf, LLP
Berger Fischhoff & Shumer, LLP
Craig D. Robins Law Offices
Stagg, Terenzi, Confusione & Wabnik, LLP
*tie

Small Firm/Solo

Janet Connolly, Esq.
Lisa Biondo, Esq.
Scott Schneider, Esq.
George Frooms, Esq.
Adam D'Antonio, Esq.
Anand Ahuja, Esq.
Scott Stone, Esq.
Susan Ackerman, Esq.
Rachel Rokhsar, Esq.
Harold Somer, Esq.
Stu Gelberg, Esq.

Non-Legal Providers

Baker Tilly
Realtime Reporting
Ultimate Process Service



Top 3 Honorees from Large, Medium and Small Firms and Non-legal Providers

Seated from left: Ellen Birch of Realtime Reporting; Adrienne Flipse Hausch of Carway & Flipse; Janet Connolly, Esq.; Deborah Kelly of Gassman, Baiamonte, Gruner; Ashka Patwa of Horing Welikson & Rosen; William Cornachio of Rivkin Radler; and Brittany Perskin, Proskauer Rose. Seated Second row: Christopher Raimondi, Raimondi Law; Hon. Ira Warshawsky of Meyer Suozzi English & Klein; Stephen Schlissel of Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos; Lisa Biondo of Flushing Bank; Heather Harrison of Farrell Fritz; Daniel Scott Gerson of Carway & Flipse; Frank Misiti of Rivkin Radler; and Daryl Leon of Proskauer Rose. Standing: Scott Schneider, Law Offices of Scott R. Schneider; Harold Deiters III of Baker Tilly; and Craig Eisenberg, Ultimate Process Service. Photo by Hector Herrera

HONOREES ...

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Our efforts to identify where there is need and communicating this to the legal community results in more attorneys becoming involved," said NCBA Vice President Elena Karabatos, co-chair of the NCBA's Access to Justice Committee.

Committee Co-chair Joseph Harbeson added, "Attorneys, as professionals, have a duty to help those less fortunate try to obtain justice. The top Long Island law firms and attorneys we recognize today are the leaders that embrace this calling."

In the past year, volunteer attorneys have provided over 7,100 hours of pro bono service, resulting in more than \$2.5 million in free legal services to those most in need.

NCBA, The Safe Center LI and Nassau Suffolk Law Services provide pro bono legal services, consultations, guidance and referrals to address crucial legal needs of thousands of lower income Nassau residents in crisis. Attorneys volunteer pro bono assistance in mortgage foreclosure, bankruptcy, domestic abuse, matrimonial cases, senior citizen concerns and landlord tenant disputes, among others.

In addition to the attorneys, three non-legal providers — Baker Tilly, Realtime Reporting and Ultimate Process Service — were acknowledged for their commitment to provide free services to those in need.

The NCBA Access to Justice Committee is a joint effort of the NCBA, The Safe Center LI and Nassau/Suffolk Law Services and other legal service providers, working together to coordinate assistance, strengthen the core of volunteer attorneys through education and professional development, and provide information on free and reduced fee legal resources.

The complete list of honorees is on page 25.

NCBA Domus Open

Monday, June 19, 2017

Eisenhower "The Red"

Golf - \$195 pp

INCLUDES:

driving range, green fees, gift, open bar & BBQ
"PLUS"

Hot Dog, Soft Drink & Bag of Chips
@ 9th Hole Snack Bar

Open Bar & BBQ only - \$75

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GOLF

SCHEDULE

12:00 p.m. - Registration

1:00 p.m. - Shotgun Start

5:30 p.m. - Open Bar & BBQ
(at the Carltun)



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Individual Honorees

Listed Alphabetically

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Marjorie Adler
Francine Adler
Yvette Aguiar
Anand Ahuja
Mary Ann Aiello
Gary Alpert
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Stanford Altshul
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