

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alternate Dispute Resolution

Meeting Date: 1/26/18

Chairs: Donna-Marie Korth, William J. A. Sparks

Members engaged in a discussion of various topics of interest, including nuances involved in the admiralty-maritime field on matters such as mandatory arbitration provisions in contracts between shippers and carriers, and the effort and effect of London law firms to seek business as advocates from New York firms. Also discussed were the results of a recent meeting of the NCBA Advisory Council where mediators in the matrimonial field explained their role in drafting papers for parties and various ethical considerations, as well the reading of a written report authored by retired Nassau County Supreme Court Justice Elaine Jackson Stack on the



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status and progress of mediation in the matrimonial area. The ADR Promotional Counsel subcommittee reported on ongoing activities of the subcommittee and is awaiting communication from the Advisory Council on proposed measures.

Tax Law/Attorneys -Accountants

Meeting Date: 1/30/18

Chairs: Jennifer Koo (Attorneys-Accountants); Brad Polizzano, Michelle Espey (Tax Law)

Speakers Dr. Anthony Basile, CPA, and Joseph Harbeson, Esq., delivered a lecture on various topics of interest including ethical obligations of tax return preparers, areas of potential malpractice, the use of Kovel letters to protect work product under the attorney-client privilege, the hiring of a new accountant to assist in trial preparation rather than a company's existing accountant, and issues related to the production of records when an accountant receives a subpoena.

Insurance Law

Meeting Date: 1/30/18

Chairs: Michael Cannata, Frank Misiti

At the meeting, committee members discussed potential volunteer opportunities and articles for submission to the Nassau Lawyer. After the meeting, the committee, in conjunction with the Construction Law Committee, co-hosted a CLE event entitled "New York Insurance Construction Defects", presented by Jason Gurdus.

Women in the Law

Meeting Dates: 1/31/18

Chairs: Christie Jacobson, Jennifer Koo

Presentation given by designer Janine Giorgenti on the topic of "Dressing for Law Firm Success: In the Courtroom and Beyond," which included a lecture on professional dressing trends and how to dress strategically for job interviews, client meetings, court hearings, and networking events.

Mental Health Law/Lawyers Assistance Program

Meeting Date: 2/5/18

Chairs: Mark Goidell (LAP), Jamie Rosen, David Carl (MHL)

Joint committee meeting hosted a Dean's Hour on "Breaking the Stigma of Attorney Addiction" presented

by Link Christin, Executive Director of the Legal Professionals Program at Caron Treatment Centers, and covered topics such as chronic stress, addiction and mental illness, particularly depression, which are all prevalent among lawyers. Mark Goidell also spoke about the NCBA Lawyers Assistance Program and related ethical issues.

New Lawyers Committee

Meeting Date: 2/15/18

Chairs: Jamie Rosen, John C. Stellakis

Marc Gann and Philip Nash presented an informative lecture entitled "Handling Your First Criminal Case." The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

The Committee Reports column is compiled by Michael J. Langer, a partner in the Law Offices of Michael J. Langer, P.C. Mr. Langer is a former law clerk in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and a former Deputy County Attorney in the Office of the Nassau County Attorney. Mr. Langer's practice focuses on matrimonial and family law, estate and commercial litigation, and criminal defense.

IN BRIEF

The Nassau Lawyer welcomes submissions to the IN BRIEF column announcing news, events and recent accomplishments of its current members. Due to space limitations, submissions may be edited for length and content.

PLEASE NOTE: All submissions to the IN BRIEF column must be made as WORD DOCUMENTS.

Patricia Galteri, Managing Attorney at Meyer Suozzi, is pleased to announce that Justice **Randall T. Eng**, formerly the Presiding Justice of the New York Appellate Division, Second Department, has joined the firm as Of Counsel and a member of the Litigation Department, including the Appellate Practice and Criminal Defense groups. Justice Eng will also serve as referee, receiver and arbitrator within the firm's Alternative Dispute Resolution practice. Justice Eng also received a lifetime achievement award by the Judicial Section of the New York State Bar Association at the Annual Meeting in New York City for his service as Presiding Justice and his previous service as a Supreme Court Justice.

Karen Tenenbaum of Tenenbaum Law, P.C. will be discussing NYS Residency Audits at the NCCPAP, Florida Chapter. Ms. Tenenbaum will also be a panelist for the NCBA Dean's Hour: "How to Thrive in 2018" on March 8. **Lance Rothenberg** of the firm will be speaking at the Practising Law Institute's "Nuts and Bolts of State and Local Tax 2018" conference in New York City.

Adam Silvers, Managing Partner at Ruskin Moscou Faltischek P.C., announced today that **Elizabeth Sy** and **Neeti Sachdev** have joined the firm as Associates. Both will rotate through the firm's many practice areas, beginning in the Health Care Department.



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Jonathan A. Dachs, a partner in the law firm of Shayne, Dachs, Sauer & Dachs, LLP specializing in insurance law and appellate practice, among other areas and co-author of a regular column in the *New York Law Journal* on insurance and no-fault law, was presented with the John E. Leach Memorial Award, "in recognition of outstanding service and distinguished contributions to the legal profession," by the New York State Bar Association's Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section at the NYSBA Annual Meeting in New York City.

Alan J. Schwartz is honored to receive the Michael Weisbrod Memorial award in recognition of charitable contributions and philanthropic endeavors given by the Melville Chamber of Commerce, Michael Weisbrod Memorial award, 2018.

Barket Marion Epstein & Kearon, LLP is pleased to announce that **Aida F. Leisenring** has been promoted to the position of Partner, and will oversee the firm's Manhattan office, located in the Empire State Building. Ms. Leisenring will continue to focus her practice in criminal defense.

Stephen Gassman, NCBA Past President and a partner in the firm of Gassman Baiamonte Gruner, P.C., will be the speaker at an ABA webinar entitled "Cross Examination: A Primer for the Family Lawyer". Mr. Gassman will also conduct a seminar for the Suffolk Academy of Law on the subject of Expert Witnesses in Matrimonial Litigation.

Nancy E. Gianakos has joined Aiello & DiFalco LLP to form the new firm, Aiello, DiFalco & Gianakos, LLP, located at 600 Old Country Road Suite 520, Garden City, New York 11530, (516) 747-1131. Her email address is neg@matlawyers.com.

Ronald Fatoullah of Ronald Fatoullah & Associates was elected President of the New York Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys for 2018. **Elizabeth Forspan** lectured for the New York State Society of CPAs Estate Administration Committee regarding key fiduciary issues to consider in post mortem trust administration.

Benjamin Malerba, a partner in Rivkin Radler LLP's Health Services Practice Group, with experience representing ambulatory surgery centers and ambulatory surgery management companies, has been recognized as a 2017 Top Transaction Lawyer by the *Ambulatory M&A Advisor*, a publication that covers ambulatory care centers and physician group practices, and reports on deal-making.

Jaspan Schlesinger LLP is pleased to announce that **Daniel E. Shapiro**, **Jessica M. Baquet**, **Frank C. Dell'Amore** and **Christopher Palmieri** have been promoted to Members of the Firm.

Kerley, Walsh, Matera & Cinquemani, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Brian Kerley** has been named as the 2018 Lawyer of the Year on Long Island for Defendants Medical Malpractice Law by Best Lawyers in America. **Timothy M. Shelley**, who practices in the defense of medical malpractice and personal injury litigation, is now a member of the firm.

Desiree M. Gargano joined the Employment Law and Litigation Practice Groups at Certilman Balin as an associate representing employers and

employees in litigation before federal courts, state courts, and administrative agencies.

Koeppel Martone & Leistman, L.L.C. is pleased to announce that **Jamie P. Alpern** has been named a partner of the firm practicing in the area of commercial real property assessment litigation.

Brian Andrew Tully of Tully Law, PC is celebrating 20 years of honoring and protecting elders in New York and their caregivers by leading them from a place of confusion to a place of protection, provision and peace by providing them with advanced planning, long-term care services, and life care planning.

Quatela Chimeri PLLC is pleased to announce that **Christopher J. Chimeri**, a founding partner of the law firm, was selected by Long Island Business News as a 2018 "40 under 40" awardee.

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The In Brief column is compiled by Marian C. Rice, a partner at the Garden City law firm L'Abbate Balkan Colavita & Contini, LLP, where she chairs the Attorney Professional Liability Practice Group. In addition to representing attorneys for nearly 35 years, Ms. Rice is a Past President of NCBA.

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