

CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION NEWS & EVENTS

2017-2018

Connecticut Court Visitation Program



Connecticut Court Visitation Program participants at the Stamford Courthouse.

The Connecticut Court Visitation Program offers tours of geographical area courts to high school and middle school students throughout the state. Each tour consists of an explanation of court proceedings by a judge or member of the court staff, attendance at an arraignment session and an actual trial (if available), along with a question and answer session.

Attorney volunteers participate with the visiting classes, staff each geographical area court during tours, and may also speak with student groups prior to their visits if requested. The Connecticut Bar Association coordinates the program with its attorney volunteers.

Superior Court Judge Hope Seeley of the Tolland Judicial District and chair of the Court Visitation Program Committee, said, "Since its inception in 1980, the Connecticut Court Visitation Program has become a standard part of the Civics and American Government curriculum in many schools in the state and almost 93,000 students from public and private high schools throughout the state have participated in the program."

The 2017-2018 program will be offered October 1, 2017 – June 1, 2018. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Bill Chapman at bchapman@ctbar.org. **CL**

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If you or someone you know exemplifies what it means to make a difference, we want to hear from you! Whether its volunteering your time in support of a charity, raising awareness for an important cause, or even achieving a professional accolade, we want to learn more about the good work that our members do for both the legal profession and their community. To submit your story, e-mail lzwiebel@ctbar.org.

Six CBA Members Recognized at This Year's ABA Annual Meeting

On August 10-15 the American Bar Association held their annual meeting in New York City, where thousands of lawyers from across the country came together to promote issues of importance to the legal profession and learn from leading colleagues in the field.



Monte E. Frank

Monte Frank was appointed to the National Conference of Bar Presidents (NCBP) Executive Council. The NCBP provides information and training to state and local bar association leaders. The Executive Council and committees consist of recent bar presidents who attended the NCBP conferences when they were leading their bars and who want to share their experiences and perspectives with current bar leaders.



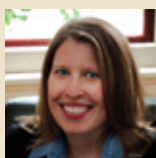
Livia D. Barndollar

Livia D. Barndollar was recognized for her outstanding contribution to the ABA Family Law Section during the 2016-2017 bar year for being on council as a representative at large. She is vice chair of ABA Family Law Section's Bylaws & Policy Committee and is a member of the section's *Family Advocate* editorial board. She was also recognized for her dedication and distinguished service to the legal profession as the 69th president of the American Counsel Association.



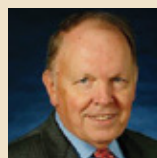
Ndidi Moses

CBA Vice President Ndidi Moses graduated from the 2016-2017 TIPS Leadership Academy. This academy serves the public by providing participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to develop a vision to lead the legal profession and to improve leadership service in the community as a whole.



Dana M. Hrelc

Dana Hrelc, CBA assistant secretary-treasurer and immediate past chair of the Young Lawyers Section, was installed as the new chair of the ABA's Young Lawyers Division for the 2017-2018 bar year. The division provides young lawyers and young lawyer organizations with the tools and opportunities for professional and personal success.



Barry C. Hawkins

Barry Hawkins was elected to the Board of Governors of the ABA. This 44-member board has the authority to act and speak for the American Bar Association, consistent with previous action of the House of Delegates, when the House is not in session. It oversees the general operation of the association and develops specific plans of action.



Dwight H. Merriam

Dwight Merriam received the Jefferson Fordham Society's Lifetime Achievement Award at the society's 20th annual luncheon. This award is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the practice of state and local government law by an individual over an entire career, for contributions over a number of years of service. **CL**

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In Memoriam



Richard S. Johnson passed away on May 30. Attorney Johnson received his JD from the University of Connecticut School of Law and specialized in real estate title work. He was president of Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers from its early years in Connecticut to the present day, and was a member of the Real Property Section. **CL**



Ronald J. St. Onge passed away on June 6 at the age of 86. After graduating from the University of Michigan Law School, Attorney St. Onge joined Blair Spencer & Buckles, where he practiced intellectual property litigation, and became senior partner after 7 years with the firm. The firm is now known as St. Onge Steward Johnston & Reens. Attorney St. Onge was active in the Connecticut Bar Association, and president of both the Connecticut Patent Law Association and the Stamford Bar Association. **CL**

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Peers & Cheers

Attorney Announcements



Dennis C. Cavanaugh

Robinson+Cole attorneys **Dennis C. Cavanaugh** and **Gregory R. Faulkner** have accepted fellowships with the Construction Lawyers Society of America (CLSA). CLSA is an invitation-only construction lawyer honorary society with membership limited to 1,200 practicing Fellows from the U.S. and internationally.



Nuala E. Droney

Nuala E. Droney of **Robinson+Cole** has been chosen to serve on the selection panel for the reappointment of U.S. Magistrate Judge Donna F. Martinez. Attorney Droney will review Judge Martinez's performance in office as a magistrate judge.



Melissa A. Federico

Murtha Cullina LLP attorney **Melissa A. Federico** was elected to the board of directors of Lawyers for Children America, a child advocacy organization providing pro bono services to children who are victims of abuse, abandonment, and neglect.



Paul N. Iannone

Paul N. Iannone of **Rogin Nassau LLC** was reappointed as a member of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants' Advisory Council. Attorney Iannone will chair the Federal Income Taxation interest group.



John B. Lynch

Robinson+Cole attorney **John B. Lynch, Jr.** has been appointed to the Board of Directors of The Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity, and organization formed by lawyers to answer the call for diversity.



Kari L. Olson

Murtha Cullina LLP partner **Kari L. Olson** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Association of Municipal Attorneys (CAMA). CAMA is a professional organization of lawyers practicing in the field of municipal law.

Retired Connecticut Superior Court Judge **Michael E. Riley** has joined **Pullman & Comley LLC** as a member of the firm's Alternative Dispute Resolution practice. Judge Riley retired from the bench after 13 years of service.

Robinson+Cole attorney **Amanda Gordon Schreiber** was inducted into the Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association's 2017 Class of Women's Champions. Women's Champions work to advance the mission of the association through advocacy, education, outreach, and philanthropy.



Constance E. Shields

Constance E. Shields has been named one of eight members promoted to partner of the international law firm, **Withers Bergman**. Attorney Shields previously served as special counsel at their New Haven office.



Edward B. Spinella

Edward B. Spinella has joined **Murtha Cullina LLP** as a partner in the business and finance department. Attorney Spinella serves as general counsel to a diverse array of non-profit organizations.



Rhonda J. Tobin

Robinson+Cole attorney **Rhonda J. Tobin** has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel (ACCEC). ACCEC seeks lawyers who are distinguished for their skill, experience, and high standards of professional and ethical conduct in the practice of insurance coverage and extracontractual law.



Kristin L. Zaehring

Kristen L. Zaehring of **Murtha Cullina LLP** participated in the legal program for Bridgeport high school students held by the U.S. District Court's Public Outreach Committee. Attorney Zaehring coached students with their opening statements and courtroom presentation.

Firm/Organization Announcements



100% club members **Broder & Orland LLC** have opened their second office located in Greenwich. The firm focuses exclusively in family law, including divorce, child custody, and more.

100% club members, **Neubert Pepe & Monteith PC**, awarded four scholarships to New Haven high school seniors at their fourth annual scholarship awards event held at Gateway Community College.

Bruce Stanger, founder of **Stanger & Associates**, announced the firm officially changed its name to Stanger Stanfield Law, in recognition of partner Sandra Stanfield's contributions to the firm, and the continued expansion of their service offerings. **CL**

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