
CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION NEWS & EVENTS

2018 LAW Camp for High School Students



The CBA hosted LAW Camp 2018 at law firms and courtrooms in New Haven during the week of July 9-13. Twenty-five students from New Haven area high schools and summer programs were exposed to the legal profession and received instruction on critical and analytical thinking to help them succeed in their educational and professional careers.

During the week-long camp, students participated in panel discussions and advocacy training.

Each afternoon the campers prepared their arguments for a mock trial. On Friday morning, they presented their case to Judge Erika M. Tindall at the New Haven courthouse. Those who successfully argued their case went on to present their arguments to Connecticut Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson at the Richard C. Lee United States Courthouse in New Haven. The case was about a fictional incident involving a high school student and the current national opioid epidemic.

Both Judge Tindall and Chief Justice Robinson remarked that the students were well prepared and wonderful advocates for their clients.

They added that, despite only having a week to prepare, the students did an incredible job and demonstrated a mastery of the complexity of the rules of the court. They expressed hope that they would one day see the campers practicing law in their respective court rooms. Chief Justice Robinson added, "Dream and dream big. Get as much education that you can because without education you can't make choices. And make good friends who support and encourage you along the way."

Throughout the week, campers were coached by more than 30 CBA members who volunteered their time to answer questions and guide the students as they learned the techniques and skills necessary to effectively present their case.

At an end of the camp reception, CBA members Margaret Castinado and Chief Justice Robinson were recognized for their many years of volunteer service to the camp. Wiggin and Dana LLP and Halloran Sage were also recognized for their support of LAW Camp since its inception in 2011.

This was the first year the CBA assisted in organizing LAW Camp. Hon. Angela C. Robinson, now of Wiggin and Dana LLP, and Sung-Ho Hwang of the Law Offices of Sung-Ho Hwang LLC, founded the camp in 2011. In 2019, the CBA hopes to expand the program to New Britain and Hartford. ■



LAW Camp campers and their counselors outside of the Richard C. Lee United States Courthouse in New Haven after the final mock trial.

MEMBERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Young Lawyers Section Collects Professional Attire for Local Charities

The Young Lawyers Section organized a clothing drive of clean and excellent condition professional attire to benefit Save-A-Suit and Dress for Success Hartford. Countless pieces of professional attire were donated by CBA members at the CBA Law Center and law firms across the state.

“We wanted to bring together the YLS and the CBA through public service this year in ways that attorneys could easily participate. Thus, we organized a clothing drive and chose two organizations that serve our CT communities, Save-A-Suit and Dress for Success, on which to focus our efforts,” said YLS Public Service Director Joanna M. Kornafel.

Save-A-Suit provides our former military and college graduates with professional business attire and the confidence needed to succeed. Dress for Success empowers women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

In addition to Attorney Kornafel, YLS Executive Committee members who assisted in the collection of donations were Joshua J. Devine, Elizabeth K. Moran, Lauren McNair, George F. O'Donnell, and Amanda G. Schreiber. ■



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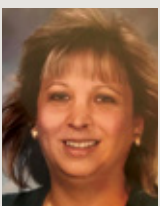
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In Memoriam



Karen A. Peddle passed away on September 7. Attorney Peddle began her legal career as a paralegal for the Middletown Court System and then for Aetna. After earning her law degree at Western New England School of Law, she continued as an attorney for Aetna, and most recently, Evicore Innovations and Solutions as director of licensing and compliance.



Justin J. Shigemi passed away on June 18. Attorney Shigemi was an associate at Finn Dixon & Herling LLP in the investment management practice group. He championed a diverse and inclusive workplace that respects and values people from all backgrounds and communities and spearheaded the firm's Diversity & Inclusion Committee. Finn Dixon & Herling LLP is also a CBA Pledge & Plan signatory. Attorney Shigemi was a member of the CBA Business Law and Sports and Entertainment Sections. ■

Attorney Announcements



Andrea Barton Reeves

Andrea Barton Reeves, president and CEO of Harc Inc., was elected president of the **Connecticut Bar Foundation**. Attorney Barton Reeves is the second woman and first African-American president of the organization.



Timothy S. Cieslak

Murtha Cullina LLP welcomes **Timothy S. Cieslak** as an associate to its intellectual property practice. Attorney Cieslak primarily prepares and prosecutes patent applications.



Matthew K. Curtin

Murtha Cullina LLP welcomes **Matthew K. Curtin** as a partner. Attorney Curtin is a member of the litigation department and the labor and employment practice group.



Andrew R. Lubin

Andrew R. Lubin, principal of **Neubert Pepe & Monteth PC**, joined the board of directors of the social service organization BHcare, whose mission is to provide comprehensive behavioral health, prevention, and domestic violence services.

Karen Lydecker and **Meghan Smith** of **Kahan Kerensky & Capossela LLP** were named officers of the Tolland County Bar Association. Attorney Lydecker was elected secretary and Attorney Smith was elected vice president.



David A. McGrath

David A. McGrath of **Louden Katz & McGrath LLC** was named winner of the 2018 Judge Maxwell Heiman Award at the Hartford County Bar Association's annual meeting. The award is given to an attorney in Hartford who has been practicing less than ten years and who exemplifies high standards of service to the profession, ethics, scholarship, and devotion to clients.



Amanda T. Oberg

Brenner Saltzman & Wallman LLP welcomes **Amanda T. Oberg** as of counsel to the firm. Attorney Oberg is in the trust and estates and taxation practice groups.



James K. Robertson

Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP partner, **James K. Robertson**, was elected chair of the board of the Hartford Seminary. He will also serve for a brief period as interim president.

Firm/Organization Announcements



Nicolas R. Bamonte



Edwin D. Colon



Matthew D. Glennon

Berchem Moses PC welcomes Attorneys **Nicolas R. Bamonte**, **Edwin D. Colon**, and **Matthew D. Glennon**. Attorney Bamonte practices in the areas of land use and municipal law, Attorney Colon joined the firm's education law department, and Attorney Glennon is a new associate in the business services department.

Brody and Associates LLC attorneys and staff were privileged to give back to the community by preparing and serving dinner at The Community Kitchen in Westport, which is open to all who need a meal.



Thomas J. Filomeno

Filomeno & Company PC has merged into **Marcum LLP's** New England region. Additionally, Filomeno Wealth Management LLC joined Marcum Wealth Management. **Thomas J. Filomeno** has become managing partner in the West Hartford office.

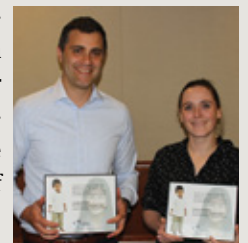


Murtha Cullina LLP was one stop of the Junior Achievement Career Walk in downtown Hartford. This event is for students to learn about different careers and to get an inside look at local businesses.



The Hartford County Bar Association presented **Robinson+Cole** with the 2018 Pro Bono Award. The firm was nominated for the distinction by Statewide Legal Services.

The Center for Children's Advocacy recognized **Robinson+Cole** attorneys **Jessica A.R. Hamilton** and **Jonathan E. Smalls** for providing pro bono representation to Connecticut's immigrant children during the organization's Spring for Kids! Champion of Children Awards Gala. ■



Jessica A.R. Hamilton and Jonathan E. Smalls