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# CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION NEWS & EVENTS

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## MEMBERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### YLS Volunteers for Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity



YLS volunteers at the Hartford Habitat for Humanity build.

Members of the Young Lawyers Section (YLS) volunteered with Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, March 30. The volunteers helped build a home by hanging sheetrock and installing insulation, to contribute to Hartford Habitat's mission to provide safe, decent, affordable housing in the Hartford community.

"Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity is an incredible experience. The site leaders and fellow volunteers are all extremely compassionate and dedicated to furthering Habitat's goal of partnering with those in our community who need a hand up—not a hand-out," stated ABA Young Lawyers Division Liaison Lauren M. McNair. "I am thankful to the Ryan T. Lee Memorial Foundation for their generous sponsorship of the CBA YLS Habitat Build Day, and would encourage others looking for ways to give back to get involved in this fantastic organization."

The event was generously sponsored by the Ryan T. Lee Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to identifying effective ways to help individuals reach their goals and realize their dreams. ■

### YLS End of Year Golf Events

On May 22, 2019 the Young Lawyers Section Women in the Law Committee presented this year's Annual Women's Professional Golf Event at Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield. Attendees received tailored golf instruction, networked with other attorneys, enjoyed a luncheon presentation on the value of golf in networking in the legal profession, and had the option to play nine holes.



Members enjoying the YLS Annual Women's Professional Golf Event at Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield.

On May 30, 2019 the Young Lawyers Section held their year-end event along with a golf tournament at Hawks Landing in Southington. Section members enjoyed a fun and relaxing evening with friends and colleagues. ■



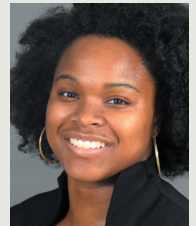
## 2019 Appellate Advocacy Institute

On May 9–10, the CBA hosted the 2019 Appellate Advocacy Institute at the CBA Law Center in New Britain. This popular one-and-a-half day legal analysis and oral argument program is designed to develop and sharpen attorney appellate advocacy skills in a supportive learning environment. Judge Jeffrey S. Sutton of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit presented as the event's keynote speaker.

Prior to the event, participants spent 10–20 hours preparing an oral argument based on briefs and records to argue as an appellate counsel during a mootings session and oral argument. Participants were videotaped practicing their oral arguments before a panel of lawyers. After these mootings sessions, participants received guidance, instruction, and tips on how to be more effective from the panelists and through video reviews. Participants returned the next day for their oral arguments before Connecticut Supreme Court justices and Appellate Court judges. The program concluded with a presentation of certificates for all of the event's participants. ■

## CBA Welcomes New Director of Diversity & Human Resources

The Connecticut Bar Association is pleased to announce the addition of Amani Edwards as its director of diversity & human resources.



Amani Edwards

Amani Edwards comes to us from Albany, New York. Her research, experience, and expertise is in organizational behavior and management—focusing on diversity and inclusion, representative bureaucracy, bias and discrimination, organizational justice, and performance evaluation. Amani received her B.A. in Modern Languages and Literature from Beloit College and is a PhD candidate in Public Administration and Policy at Rockefeller College at the University at Albany, SUNY.

"I am honored to join the CBA and am committed to working towards the association's diversity and inclusion goals, as well as enhancing and continuing the strong and collaborative work environment of the organization. I look forward to working with the Connecticut legal community and serving as a resource." ■

## CT Supreme Court Adapts Policy Regarding Solicitation of *Amicus Curiae* Briefs

The Supreme Court has adopted a policy, effective with the eighth term of court, to govern the *sua sponte* solicitation of briefs of *amicus curiae* in specific pending cases. Under this new policy, rather than extend invitations to specific organizations, the Supreme Court will publish more generalized amicus invitations in specific cases on a new "*Amicus Curiae* Invitations" page that will appear under the "Docket/Calendar" tab on the Supreme Court homepage at [jud.ct.gov/supremecourt](http://jud.ct.gov/supremecourt). The questions presented, briefing requirements, submission deadline(s), and any additional information related to the invitation will appear

in the posted notice. When the court acts *sua sponte* to invite the submission of *amicus curiae* briefs through this invitation policy, the provisions of Practice Book § 67-7 requiring a motion for permission to file are waived.

The Supreme Court will also create an e-mail notification list to alert interested organizations when it has posted a solicitation of briefs on the "*Amicus Curiae* Invitations" page. When the Court is interested in soliciting amicus briefs in a pending case, a courtesy group e-mail will be sent to the organizations on the list notifying them

that an amicus brief invitation has been posted on the Supreme Court's website. Bar associations and other organizations are strongly encouraged to provide e-mail contact information to the appellate clerk at [amicuslist@connapp.jud.ct.gov](mailto:amicuslist@connapp.jud.ct.gov) in order ensure their inclusion on this notification list.

Please contact (860)757-2200 with any questions about this policy. ■







## CBA Celebrates 2019 Law Day

The Connecticut Bar Association's Civics Education Committee held its annual Law Day Celebration on Friday, May 3, at the Connecticut Appellate Court in Hartford. Students from Timothy Edwards Middle School in South Windsor were joined by Secretary of the State Denise W. Merrill, CBA President Jonathan M. Shapiro, Civics Education Committee Chair Ralph J. Monaco, and committee members Hon. Susan B. Handy, Kathryn A. Calibey, Lawrence F. Morizio, and Jonathan Weiner.

Law Day is a national effort to celebrate the rule of law, providing an opportunity to understand how law and the legal profession protect our liberty, strive to achieve justice, and contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share. This year's theme, declared by the American Bar Association, was "Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society."

Students participated by depicting one of the provided scenarios relating to the five

freedoms of the First Amendment—religion, press, speech, assembly, and petition—by poetry, either by writing a poem or creating a poetry slam performance, or by creating an art poster. The top four winning projects were presented by Dhan-ya Chasmawala, Sofia King, Valli Pendyala, Ria Saxena, and Nathan Silvia in front of Chief Judge Alexandra D. DiPentima, Judge William H. Bright, Jr., Judge Christine E. Keller, Judge Douglas S. Lavine, and Judge Eliot D. Prescott.

After their presentations, the judges mingled with the students to learn more about their projects before eating lunch at the Secretary of the State's office where each student received a citation from Denise W. Merrill recognizing them for their participation in 2019 Law Day.

For more photos of this event, visit [ctbar.org/2019LawDay](http://ctbar.org/2019LawDay). ■

## CBA Hosts Member Appreciation Month with Events across the State

During the month of May, the Membership Committee celebrated Member Appreciation Month by hosting free events across the state to thank members for their continued support and membership.

Throughout the month members had the opportunity to get professional headshots at Pullman & Comley LLC in Bridgeport or at Shipman Shaiken and Schwefel LLC in West Hartford, to shred their old files at the CBA Law Center or at Ury & Moscow LLC in Fairfield, to volunteer with Community Renewal Team in handing out a week's worth of food and essentials to those in need in West Hartford, and enjoy finals study snacks from Donut Crazy at UConn Law School and Quinnipiac University School of Law. Additionally, members

enjoyed a night of bowling at Revolutions Bowling & Lounge in South Windsor, a new member reception at BAR in New Haven, and lunch with Judges Ingrid L. Moll, James W. Abrams, and Matthew D. Gordon at the CBA Law Center.

"The Membership Committee is pleased to have extended our Membership Appreciation Week 2018 to a Membership Appreciation Month 2019," expressed Garlinck Dumont, chair of the Membership Committee. "During this month-long event, we celebrate the members of our legal community during various events throughout the month of May, all of which are free to our members. We look forward to the events' continued growth and our commitment to our members grows exponentially!" ■



Judges Ingrid L. Moll, James W. Abrams, and Matthew D. Gordon spoke on best practices and expectations with discovery motions and complex litigation at the "Lunch with the Judges" event.



New members, bar leaders, and CBA officers at the New Member Reception at BAR.

## CBA Leadership Attends ABA Day in Washington

CBA President Jonathan M. Shapiro and Vice President Amy Lin Meyerson attended the 2019 ABA Day in Washington, DC, on April 9-11, along with CBA Past Presidents Livia D. Barndollar (2008-2009) and Barry C. Hawkins (2012-2013). This three-day conference brings together leaders of the American Bar Association, state, and local bars from across the country to take the message of lawyers to Congress. Each year, ABA leaders meet in Washington, DC to advocate on behalf of the profession on issues of great importance. ■



CBA President Jonathan M. Shapiro and Vice President Amy Lin Meyerson, along with past presidents Livia D. Barndollar (2008-2009) and Barry C. Hawkins (2012-2013), met with CNN Legal Analyst Joey Jackson during 2019 ABA Day.

## Two Members Inducted into the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers

Attorneys Diane D. Duhamel and Joseph R. Passaretti, Jr. were inducted into The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers (CWCL) on March 14 at the ABA Workers' Compensation Midwinter Conference and CWCL Symposium in Coral Gables, FL.



Diane D. Duhamel and Joseph R. Passaretti, Jr. were inducted into The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers (CWCL).

The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers honors attorneys who have distinguished themselves in their practice in the field of workers' compensation; have been in practice for 20 year or more; and advanced the future of the practice through lecturing, writing, or teaching on workers' compensation or related fields of law. ■

## In Memoriam

**Hon. Ellen Bree Burns** passed away at the age of 95 on June 3, 2019. Senior US District Judge Burns was a member of the US District Court for the District of Connecticut for 37 years, with her judicial career spanning 42 years. She was the first woman to be appointed a judge to the state bench in Connecticut, the first woman to be named to the federal bench in Connecticut, the first woman to serve as Chief Judge of the District of Connecticut, and the longest serving woman in the District of Connecticut history. Judge Burns received the CBA Henry J. Naruk Judiciary Award in 1987, and was an active member of the Federal Practice Section.



**Hon. Robert A. Martin** passed away on June 11, 2019 at the age of 72. Judge Martin served as a Connecticut Superior Court judge for 29 years. Prior to being nominated to the state bench by Gov. O'Neill in 1991, Judge Martin was the mayor of New London from 1982-1983 and from 1986-1987. Judge Susan B. Handy and he were married for six and a half years, and together for 15 years.

**Hon. Raymond Norko** passed away at the age of 76 on May 12, 2019. Judge Norko led the founding of Hartford's nationally recognized Community Court, which opened in 1998, and presided over it for years. This court served as an alternative for



handling low-level and nonviolent cases. Prior to being nominated to the bench in 1985 by Gov. William O'Neill, the Airforce veteran began his legal career in 1970 as a legal aid lawyer.

**William W. Bouton III** passed away at the age of 66. Prior to joining Hinckley Allen in 2008, Attorney Bouton practiced law with Tyler Cooper & Alcorn and its predecessor firm Alcorn Bakewell & Smith. His practice ranged from leading clients through extraordinarily large and complex corporate transactions to counseling family businesses on matters large and small.

**Dorothy E. Kelmenson Bieler** passed away at the age of 91 on April 13, 2019. Attorney Kelmenson practiced law from 1950-1997. She was a partner in the firm of Pomerantz Seserman & Kelmenson, and later at Seserman & Kelmenson in Hartford.

**Michael P. Koskoff** passed away at the age of 77 on April 24, 2019. Among many high profile cases, Attorney Koskoff, a trial lawyer since 1966, worked with African-American police and fire organizations to increase representation of minorities in public safety. He was lead counsel in a class action against Connecticut for illegal wiretapping and won record-setting verdicts on behalf of victims of medical malpractice. Attorney Koskoff was partner at the firm Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder. ■





## Peers & Cheers

E-mail editor @ctbar.org with submissions for the Peers & Cheers section.

### Attorney Announcements



David D. Biklen

**David D. Biklen** was appointed chair of the New Uniform Law Commission (ULC) Drafting Committee on Unregulated Transfers of Adopted Children. The ULC is an organization of more than 350 practicing attorneys, judges, law professors, legislators, and other state officials, helping to create a nonpartisan state legislation.



Sean Caruthers



Robert Flynn



Aignè Goldsby

**Neubert Pepe & Monteith PC** welcomed three new attorneys: **Sean Caruthers** (counsel), **Robert Flynn** (principal), and **Aignè Goldsby** (associate).



Bridget M. D'Angelo

**Bridget M. D'Angelo** has been elected Treasurer of the George W. Crawford Bar Association. Attorney D'Angelo is an associate attorney in the business and finance department of **Murtha Cullina LLP**.



Frank Eucalitto

**Verrill Dana LLP** welcomed **Frank Eucalitto** to the firm's Westport office. Attorney Eucalitto advises portfolio and operating companies, investment funds, and startups in a wide variety of corporate and transactional matters.



Basam E. Nabulsi

**Basam E. Nabulsi** of **McCarter & English LLP** has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Stamford Innovation Week, an organization that hosts an annual innovation festival to build and nurture the innovation ecosystem in Fairfield County. ■

### Firm/Organization Announcements

CBA 100% Club member **Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP** and the Connecticut Bar Foundation established the Anthony M. Fitzgerald Fund for Excellence to honor Attorney Fitzgerald in his retirement. ■



**O'CONNELL, ATTMORE & MORRIS, LLC**  
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We are pleased to announce **one new member** and welcome **six attorneys** to O'Connell, Attmore & Morris, LLC.



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