

News & Events



Members of the CBA delegation at the ABA Midyear Meeting, including (L to R) President-elect Amy Lin Meyerson, Past President Monte E. Frank, ABA Delegate Stephen J. Curley, Past President Barry C. Hawkins, President Ndiri N. Moses, and ABA YLD Delegate Lauren M. McNair.

CBA Members Attend ABA Midyear Meeting

More than a dozen CBA members attended the American Bar Association's Midyear Meeting in Austin, TX from February 12 to 17. Members who attend serve on various committees and divisions, including the Presidential Appointments Committee, Nominating Committee, Youth at Risk Commission, and Committee on Scope and Correlation of Work. President Ndiri

N. Moses lobbied in favor of Resolution 115, regarding the improvement of the accessibility, affordability, and quality of civil legal services; Past President Fred Ury spoke at the National Council of Bar Presidents; and Past President Monte E. Frank spoke before the ABA House of Delegates in support of gun safety regulations.

IN MEMORIAM

Eugene E. Cederbaum passed away on January 17, 2020 at the age of 77. He received his JD from the Columbia University School of Law, went on to attend the US Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center at the University of Virginia, and then served for four years as a military lawyer, rising to the rank of captain. He practiced law privately and with the firms Nevas Nevas and Rubin, Goldstein and Peck, and Wake See Dimes Bryniczka Day and Bloom. He was actively involved within his community and served as a president of the former Westport Bar Association and as a member of the CBA House of Delegates.

Lawrence D. Church passed away on December 4, 2019 at the age of 67. He attended the University of Connecticut School of Law, and went on to partner with Charles Pirro III to open Pirro & Church LLC, where he worked for over 35 years. As a lifelong Norwalk resident, Attorney Church was deeply involved in the Norwalk community, serving on the Common Council, along with stints on Planning & Zoning and Redevelopment. Attorney Church was a member of the CBA Estates and Probate, Litigation, Planning and Zoning, and Solo and Small Firm Sections.

Robert L. Iamonaco passed away at the age of 59 on November 8, 2019. He attended Providence College for his undergraduate degree, the University of Connecticut for his MBA, and Western New England University School of Law for his JD. He was a member of the CBA Business Law, Commercial Law and Bankruptcy, and Real Property Sections.

Hugh C. Macgill passed away at the age of 79 on Feb 13, 2020. He served as the dean of the University of Connecticut School of Law from 1990 to 2000. While construction of the Thomas J. Meskill Law Library was his signature achievement as dean, he also moved the law school ahead in practical learning, establishing the Tax Clinic, partnerships for transactional and child advocacy clinics, and a clinical fellowship. Dean Macgill's tenure produced the Insurance Law Center, the *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal*, and the university's first two LLM degree programs. He stepped down from the dean's office in 2000, but continued to teach until 2014. Dean Macgill served in myriad professional and civic organizations, including as chairman of the Connecticut Humanities Council, the State Ethics Commission, the Connecticut Urban Legal Initiative, and as president of the Connecticut Bar Foundation, the Connecticut Historical Society, Neighborhood Legal Services in Hartford, and the Watkinson Library at Trinity College.

Sheldon Aaron Mossberg passed away on December 22, 2019 at the age of 72. He received a law degree from the University of Connecticut in 1984 and worked as both a paralegal and an attorney at Connecticut Legal Services in Willimantic. In a 30-year career as a Social Security and Disability attorney in private practice in Willimantic, he advocated tirelessly and tremendously for the most vulnerable populations, including the injured, mentally ill, physically disabled, and America's veterans. Additionally, he served on several Boards of Directors, including the United Way and United Services for over a decade. He was also a member of the CBA Disability Law Section.

YLS Donates \$2,000 to Prudence Crandall Center



(L to R) Prudence Crandall Center Executive Director Barbara Damon thanks YLS Law School Outreach Director Logan C. Carducci and the YLS for their donation.

The Young Lawyers Section holiday party was held on December 11, 2019 at Five Churches Brewing in New Britain, and raised \$2,000 for the Prudence Crandall Center (PCC). Proceeds from the registration fee benefited the Prudence Crandall Center, one of few domestic violence programs in the country offering a unique continuum of shelter, housing, and support services.

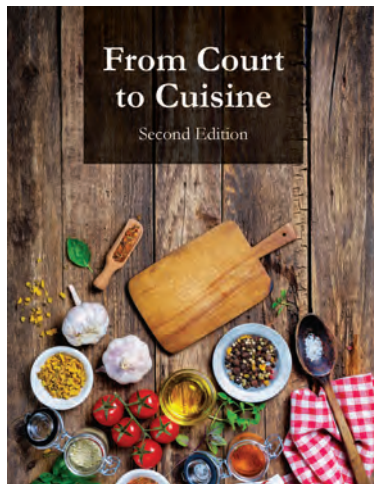
"Prudence Crandall Center is a local domestic violence shelter offering short- and long-term emergency housing for victims of domestic violence. This year, members of the CBA Young Lawyers Section became involved with PCC and learned about the amazing services it offers for women, men, and children who are victims of domestic violence. The YLS was honored to work with staff at PCC and to donate all proceeds from the annual Holiday Party to support PCC and help move victims toward safe lives for themselves and their families," said YLS Law School Outreach Director Logan C. Carducci.

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Charity e-Cookbook Now Available for Sale

A second edition of the *From the Court to Cuisine* cookbook is now available to purchase for \$9.99. Produced by the CBA, this e-cookbook contains over 100 recipes submitted by members of the Connecticut Bar Association, Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Crawford Black Bar Association, Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association, Connecticut Italian Bar Association, and the Connecticut South Asian Bar Association as well as CBA staff.

In 2009, the CBA produced a charity cookbook, *From Court to Cuisine*, under



the leadership of past president Livia D. Barn-dollar (2008-2009). As current President Ndidi N. Moses explained in her introduction, the second edition is a compilation of these original recipes, with new additions, and the primary goal “to bring us all together in one kitchen, celebrating our differences, while embracing our similarities.”

All proceeds of this e-cookbook will be

donated to Greater Hartford Legal Aid, New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc., and Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut. Visit ctbar.org/Cookbook to learn more.

International Law Section Re-Established

This fall, the Board of Governors approved the re-establishment of the International Law Section. The mission of the section is to promote the educational and professional objectives of the CBA within the practice area of International Law, which includes public and private international law. The section anticipates holding regular meetings with CLE credit on the following general categories of topics: international business law, including the sale of goods; international dispute resolution, including arbitration; international family law, including child kidnapping; international human rights; and public international law.

Visit ctbar.org/sections for more information on how to join.

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Attorney Announcements

Bauer Law Group welcomed **Joseph A. DiSilvestro** as an associate attorney. Attorney DiSilvestro represents children as a guardian ad litem and is an attorney for the minor child in custody disputes throughout the state.

Jennifer E. Gallette of Eversource Energy received the Connecticut Power and Energy Society's (CPES) 2019 New Energy Professionals Rising Star Award at The Future of Energy Conference and Exposition. CPES is Connecticut's leading association of energy professionals, is dedicated to generating information, sharing ideas and educating Connecticut about energy.

Peter R. Knight of Robinson+Cole was recognized by Lawyers for Children America (LFCA) for providing pro bono legal services to Connecticut children who are victims of abuse and neglect. Attorney Knight has been a volunteer for LFCA for more than 20 years.

Thomas O. Farrish, most recently a partner in the Hartford office of Day Pitney LLP, has been selected as a magistrate judge for the District of Connecticut and will preside at the Hartford federal courthouse. Judge Farrish fills the magistrate judge vacancy created by the retirement of Magistrate Judge Donna F. Martinez.

Holland & Knight's Global Private Wealth Services Group has added **David W. Thal** as a partner in the firm's Stamford office. Attorney Thal focuses on estate planning and the administration of trusts and estates, particularly for clients with family offices and operating businesses.

Firm/Organization Announcements

Conway Stoughton LLC is pleased to announce that it has added three new principals to its team: Julie A. Harris, Yelena Akim and Jay Huntington. In addition, it has welcomed three new attorneys to its team of associates: Peter Sabellico, Amanda Buckingham, and Raymond Gauvreau.

Murtha Cullina LLP has promoted Attorneys Elizabeth A. Galletta, James W. McLaughlin and Lisa P. Staron to partner. The firm has also promoted Robert A. Heinimann, Jr. to counsel.

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