

News & Events



Join the CBA in Donating to Project Feed Connecticut

More than a dozen Connecticut professional organizations have partnered to establish Project Feed Connecticut to collect monetary donation to benefit the state's two largest food donation organizations—Foodshare and Connecticut Food Bank—as a response to the increased demands to feed the countless people in need of support during these unprecedented times.

Project Feed Connecticut is a joint effort by the Connecticut Bar Association, Hartford County Bar Association, CFA

Society Hartford, Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association, Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Portuguese American Bar Association, George W. Crawford Black Bar Association, New Haven County Bar Association, Middlesex County Bar Association, Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Pullman & Comley's ADR Group, the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association,

the South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut, the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association, and the Connecticut Italian American Bar Association.

CBA immediate past president and chair of the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic Task Force Public at Large Subcommittee, Jonathan M. Shapiro, and his subcommittee are spearheading Project Feed Connecticut. "We hope Project Feed Connecticut's joint efforts will both provide valuable information to the public and, more importantly, raise significant money to feed our fellow citizens during this pandemic. Every \$10 raised provides 25 meals to those in need—far more than any of us can individually provide if we went shopping for food ourselves. At this critical time, every dollar matters and must be maximized," stated Attorney Shapiro.

The CBA has pledged to donate \$16,000 to Project Feed Connecticut; to the Connecticut Food Bank and Foodshare will each receive \$8,000 as a result of the CBA's donation.

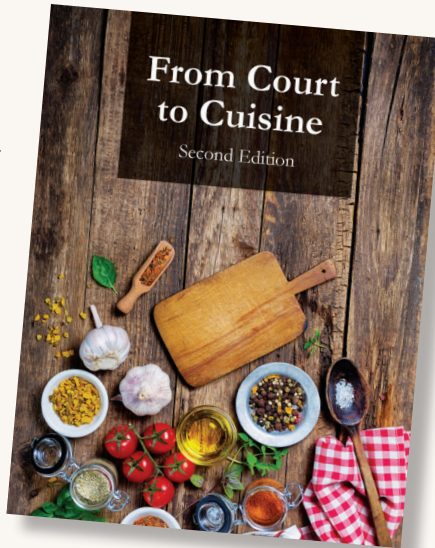
Donations can be made through the CT Bar Institute, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, at ctbar.org/ProjectFeedCT. All donations received will be distributed equally to the Connecticut Food Bank and Foodshare.

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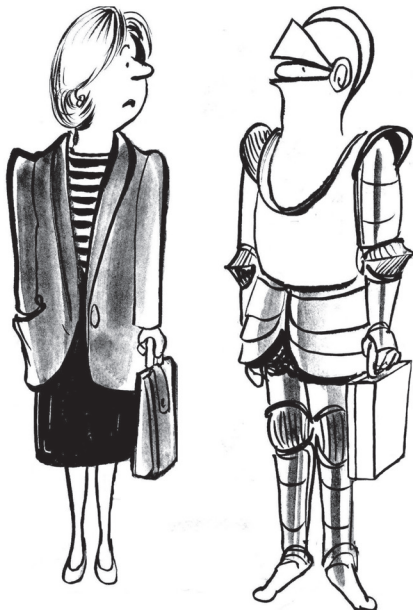


Real Property Section Makes White Paper for SB-320 Available

The CBA Real Property Section has produced a white paper in connection with the passage of SB-320 (October 2019), which requires that a Connecticut attorney be involved in the closing of any real estate transaction in the State of Connecticut. The white paper provides guidance on which aspects of real estate closings are considered the practice of law.

To learn more and access the white paper, visit ctbar.org/realpropertywhitepaper.

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Suffrage History Night at the CBA



In observation of the **19th Amendment Centennial**, the CBA hosted "The Unfulfilled Promise of the 15th and 19th Amendments" on March 5, featuring constitutional law professor, playwright, and renowned scholar Gloria J. Browne-Marshall.

Professor Browne-Marshall recounted the history and events that led to the ratification of the 15th and 19th amendments

and commented on what needs to be done today to ensure that all Americans have the right to vote. After her lecture, she signed her books and greeted guests.

"As we celebrate these milestone anniversaries of the 15th and 19th amendments, we must be cognizant of their full legacy," said Vice President Cecil J. Thomas. "Many legal and extralegal measures were taken, before and after those

President Ndidi N. Moses, Professor Gloria J. Browne-Marshall, President-elect Amy Lin Meyer-son, and Vice President Cecil J. Thomas enjoy the reception at "The Unfulfilled Promise of the 15th and 19th Amendments" event.

historical moments, to ensure that those marked as 'others' would remain excluded from the political process. Professor Browne-Marshall's address was powerful, insightful, and so timely." ■

PEERS AND CHEERS

Attorney Announcements

Austin Apanovitch has joined the firm of Kane Hartley & Kane PC as an associate. Attorney Apanovitch will practice in the areas of residential and commercial real estate transactions, estate planning, and probate administration.

Brian J. Clifford has joined Saxe Doernberger & Vita PC as an associate. Attorney Clifford has almost a decade of experience in litigation, including insurance coverage, from depositions and discovery through mediations, trials, and appeals.

Britt-Marie Cole-Johnson, of Robinson+Cole, has been elected to serve on the board of directors for the YWCA Hartford Region. She has been actively involved in the YWCA Hartford Region for more than nine years and has previously served as chair of the Board of Directors, the Governance Committee, and the Nominating Committee.

Christopher F. Droney, retired senior US Court of Appeals judge for the second circuit, has rejoined Day Pitney LLP's Hartford office as a partner in the Litigation Department. His practice will focus on complex litigation at state and federal levels. He will also represent clients in matters involving governmental and internal investigations and white collar defense.

Leslie P. King has joined Carlton Fields as a shareholder in its Hartford office. Attorney King is a construction litigator who was notably victorious on behalf of the City of Hartford in disputes involving its minor league baseball stadium.

Rebecca A. Iannantuoni and **Christopher A. ("Chris") Klimmek** have been elected partners at Day Pitney LLP. Attorney Iannantuoni is an individual clients partner in the New Haven office where she represents fiduciaries, handles estate administration, and advises individuals and families regarding all aspects of estate planning with a particular focus on elder law and planning for persons with special needs. Attorney Klimmek is a litigation partner in the Hartford office where he practices in the area of complex business disputes and has experience with trial and appellate litigation in state and federal courts, as well as arbitration proceedings.

Andrew R. Lubin, a principal with the law firm of Neubert Pepe & Monteith PC, has been named the Connecticut state chair for the American College of Mortgage Attorneys (ACMA). There are currently only 14 Connecticut lawyers who have been elected to the college. The American College of Mortgage Attorneys is a national association of private practice and in-house commercial real estate finance lawyers.

Adam Masin has joined the Hartford office of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP as a partner in the products liability and mass torts group.

Hon. Douglas C. Mintz, former Connecticut Superior Court judge, has joined Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP

as a partner in the firm's Litigation Group and a member of its Alternative Dispute Resolution practice area.

Meghan Smith has been named partner at Kahan Kerensky Capossela LLP. Attorney Smith practices in the business department and has extensive experience handling commercial and residential real estate transactions; commercial and residential landlord tenant matters; business formations; and contract drafting, review, and negotiation.

Richard L. Street has been elected managing partner at Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP. Previously, he served as assistant managing partner of the firm and as practice group leader of the firm's litigation group.

Firm/Organization Announcements



Robinson+Cole lawyer Ryan Leichsenring, Robinson+Cole Pro Bono Chair Peter Knight, and Robinson+Cole Managing Partner Stephen Goldman.

Robinson+Cole received the Diana Kleefeld Pro Bono Award from Connecticut Appleseed for its work on a special education research project, and other pro bono efforts, during the organization's "Good Apple" Awards. A group of R+C lawyers, including Gregory J. Bennici, Emily C. Deans, Peter K. Knight, Rachel V. Kushel, and paralegal Albina Yaikbaeva, recently assisted Connecticut Appleseed in a research project that examined how school districts are dealing with rising special education costs. Their findings will be incorporated in a report that will be disseminated to every school district in the state and to the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS), the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE), and to members of the state legislature's Education Committee. Additionally, Ryan V. Leichsenring was recognized for his role in the spin-off of an existing Connecticut Appleseed program, Connecting through Literacy: Incarcerated parents, their Children, and Caregivers (CLICC), to a new public charity. CLICC focuses on the use of mentoring and literacy activities to strengthen communication and deepen bonds between children and their incarcerated parents. ■

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