

News & Events

New Attorneys Sworn In to the Connecticut Bar



Top Left: (L to R) Connecticut Supreme Court Justices Joan K. Alexander, Gregory T. D'Auria, Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson, Justices Andrew J. McDonald, and Steven D. Ecker.

Bottom Left: Candidates await their admission to the Connecticut Bar during the morning ceremony with families and friends in attendance.

Above: CBA President Daniel J. Horgan delivers remarks to the newly admitted attorneys.



On October 26, 127 new attorneys were sworn in to the Connecticut Bar at the Connecticut Supreme Court building. Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson and Associate Justices Joan K. Alexander, Gregory T. D'Auria, Steven D. Ecker, and Andrew J. McDonald presided over the two ceremonies held during the day in the morning and the afternoon.

The morning and afternoon ceremonies began with welcome remarks and words of recognition provided by Chief Justice Robinson. He spoke about recent challenges facing the rule of law in the United States and noted that those

being sworn in as attorneys have the responsibility to uphold, defend, and promote our laws and the execution of justice within the American legal system. Justice Robinson stated, "Each one of us has the ability and the responsibility to take the lead in support of the rule of law and to defend liberty and the pursuit of justice."

Following the administration of the oath of attorney, CBA President Daniel J. Horgan provided welcoming remarks to the newly inducted attorneys at both ceremonies recognizing their great achievement. He cautioned the newly admitted

attorneys to never forget the importance of ethics and honesty in their practice. "You may be tempted to bend the rules in your zealous representation of your clients, but always pause and think before you act, for you will be judged on your integrity and strength in character. Your words and behavior effect your reputation, your client's reputation, and your employer's reputation. Showing respect and being civil is a core element of our profession," he stated.

The Connecticut Bar Association congratulates all those who were sworn in at the ceremonies.

Young Lawyers Section Hosts 2022 Pro Bono Fair and Golf Event

On October 20, the Connecticut Bar Association Young Lawyers Section hosted its annual Pro Bono Fair and Golf Event at the Hartford Golf Club. Over 60 people attended the event, which consisted of a nine-hole round of golf followed by a reception. Attendees were able to choose whether to participate in the round of golf or only attend for the reception. Booths were set up to provide information on nine different organizations providing pro bono services in Connecticut:

- The Center for Family Justice
- Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Connecticut Veterans Legal Center
- CT Afghan Asylum Project
- CTProBono.org
- New Haven Legal Aid Association
- Pro Bono Partnership
- Statewide Legal Services
- CBA Pro Bono Programs (Free Legal Advice Clinics, CT Free Legal Answers, Lawyers in Libraries, CBA Pro Bono Connect)

During the event, CBA President Daniel J. Horgan, Pro Bono Committee Co-Chair Dan A. Brody, and Young Lawyers Section Chair Christopher A. Klepps provided remarks. President Horgan spoke about the ways in which pro bono work can be fulfilling and meaningful for attorneys while simultaneously helping to improve the lives of individuals facing serious obstacles and challenges. Attorney Brody discussed how pro bono cases can uniquely help newer attorneys see the larger meaning of what their work provides to their clients. Similarly, Attorney Klepps spoke about the great effect that pro bono assistance can have on individuals that cannot attain assistance through other means.



(L to R) 2022-2023 YLS Chair Christopher A. Klepps, 2020-2021 YLS Chair Cindy M. Cieslak, 2021-2022 YLS Chair Joshua J. Devine, Trent Lalima, Logan A. Carducci, Sara J. Dickson, Benjamin Schimelman, and CBA President Daniel J. Horgan.



(L to R) Akia S. Callum, Jasana Levy, and Jermaine Brookshire, Jr.



(L to R) Brendan Murphy, CBA President Daniel J. Horgan, Alexis H. Smith, and Don Philips



(L to R) Trent Lalima, CBA President Daniel J. Horgan, YLS Chair Christopher A. Klepps, Logan A. Carducci, Benjamin Schimelman, CBA Pro Bono Committee Co-Chair Dan Brody, Vianca T. Malick, and Sara J. Dickson.

CBA MEMBERS VOLUNTEER AT STAND DOWN

This year, CBA members continued to provide pro bono legal services to veterans at the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs' annual Stand Down event, which the CBA has assisted with since 1998. On Friday, September 23, Attorneys Michael Cartier, Thomas W. Conlin, Teryl Eisenberg, Timothy W. Furey, Joshua G. Grubaugh, James M. Hyland, Sydney A. Mazur, Melissa L. Simonik, Frank A. Manfredi, Jacob McChesney, Christopher Picard, and Russell Zimmerlin represented the CBA and provided in-person assistance to Stand



Attorneys Jim Hyland and Teryl Eisenberg assist Veteran Keith Belle at the Bridgeport Stand Down event.

Down attendees in Bridgeport, Bristol, Danbury, Norwich, and Rocky Hill.

Attorney Teryl Eisenberg reflected on her experience volunteering for this year's Stand Down event, stating, "Smiling, talking, shaking hands, and even hugging; being seen and heard; and connecting

with each other is only possible in person. I have worked and volunteered with veterans in different capacities throughout my life and the richness of these interactions is always humbling. Inevitably, the stories that flow teach me more than I can impart with my legal knowledge. At this, my first Stand Down, I was fortunate to accompany Attorney Jim Hyland. I am grateful that the CBA has this opportunity for us to connect to veterans and provide much-needed access to service and advice, as well as compassion."



Member Benefits

CBA members receive special perks with various retailers and vendors, including resources for practitioners and discounts on recreational activities, services, and goods. Take advantage of everything your membership has to offer by viewing the full list of benefits at ctbar.org/memberbenefits.

PEERS AND CHEERS

Berchem Moses PC is pleased to announce that former Superior Court Judge **Anthony V. Avallone** has joined the firm following his retirement from the bench in June 2022. He brings a wealth of experience in dispute resolution, helping litigants avoid the necessity of costly and time-consuming trials.

The New Haven office of **Halloran Sage** announced partner **Kristin Bonneau** and associate **Joan Tsang** have joined the workers' compensation practice group. Attorney Bonneau handles workers' comp claims, insurance defense, subrogation, and employment law matters. Attorney Tsang represents employers, insurance companies, and third-party administrators on issues related to all facets of workers' compensation claims including subrogation and discrimination claims. Additionally, new associate **Jonathan Bedosky** practices with the litigation & dispute resolution and labor & employment practice groups. He handles complex commercial and corporate litigation, insurance law, and municipal property tax matters.

Morrison Mahoney LLP has elected **Katherine M. DuBaldo** and **Michael S. Tripicco** as partners in the firm's Hartford office. Attorney DuBaldo concentrates her practice in the areas of workers' compensation and general liability and represents insurers, self-insurers, and employers at all stages of workers' compensation matters. Attorney Tripicco defends non-medical professionals, including lawyers, law firms, insurance agents and brokers, architects and other professionals in a variety of product liability and general liability matters.

Governor Ned Lamont appointed **Leander A. Dolphin** to serve as a member of the Connecticut Judicial Selection Commission, which is the state body responsible for seeking and recommending to the governor qualified candidates for nomination as judges for the Superior Court, Appellate Court, and Supreme Court. Attorney Dolphin serves as managing partner of the law firm Shipman & Goodwin LLP, where she began her legal career in 2004.

The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) has announced that **David Kenna**, senior counsel with CapSpecialty Inc., has accepted an invitation to join the IADC, the preeminent invitation-only global legal organization for attorneys who represent corporate and insurance interests. An experienced litigator and trial attorney in the areas of insurance and reinsurance, Attorney Kenna has spent a significant amount of time litigating matters that crossed US borders and involved international legal clients and courts.

Robinson+Cole is pleased to announce the addition of **John H. Mutchler** as a partner in the firm's Intellectual Property + Technology Group. Attorney Mutchler's practice includes patent prosecution and reexamination proceedings, licensing, U.S. government and private company contracting, copyright and trademark consulting and litigation, portfolio management, and IP due diligence in bankruptcy proceedings, asset purchase and sales agreements, business formation, and mergers and acquisitions.

William W. Ward of **Ackerly & Ward** has been granted fellowship in the College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL). He earned this national recognition due to his outstanding leadership, commitment to the advancement of the legal principles, and practical tools necessary for community associations to thrive.

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Upcoming Education Calendar

Register at cfbar.org/CLE

DECEMBER

1 Ethical Practices for Communications with Clients, Opposing Parties, and the USPTO*
Hybrid (In-Person and Webinar Options)



2 Professionalism Boot Camp*
Hybrid (In-Person and Webinar Options)

5 Ethics*
In-Person Only

6 An Introduction to Insurance Law through a Construction Lens
Webinar



8 Advanced Residential Real Estate Closings*
Hybrid (In-Person and Webinar Options)

JANUARY

10 Solo and Small Firm

17 Motley Speaker Series*

24 Family Law

30 Essentials of Federal Practice

FEBRUARY

21 Cybersecurity and Technology

**Ethics credit available*

CBA Hosts 2022 New England Bar Association Annual Meeting

The Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) hosted the 2022 New England Bar Association (NEBA) Annual Meeting at Water's Edge Resort and Spa in Westbrook October 27 to October 29. Leaders from the state bar associations throughout New England were invited to participate in the meeting, which consisted of educational programs covering contemporary legal topics and opportunities for socializing.

The event began on Thursday evening with a welcome reception for arriving attendees. The next day began with opening remarks for the meeting, presented by NEBA and CBA President Daniel J. Horgan. Friday's educational programs focused on the role of legal technology in addressing the ongoing issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the politicization of American courts, and how pro bono programs can help to address the gap in the public's access to justice. The panelists for these programs included judicial officials; significant leaders of legal organi-



CBA and outgoing NEBA President Daniel J. Horgan passes a ceremonial gavel to incoming NEBA President and Massachusetts Bar Association President-Elect Damian Turco.

zations throughout New England; and Supreme Court Chief Justices Gordon MacDonald (NH), Stuart Rabner (NJ), Paul Reiber (VT), and Richard A. Robinson (CT).

On Friday evening, attendees met for a cocktail hour and dinner, followed by a standup comedy performance and music and dancing. During dinner, outgoing NEBA board members were recognized with certificates, incoming board members were introduced, and a symbolic passing of the gavel took place between President Horgan and incoming NEBA President Damian Turco.

On Saturday, the final day of the annual meeting, American Bar Association President Deborah Enix-Ross joined the event to discuss her "three Cs" initiative, focused on civics, civility, and collaboration. The final education program focused on the responsibility of lawyers and bar leaders to address increasing polarization within the United States through the promotion of constructive and informed discourse.

IN MEMORIAM



Norman E. Armour passed away on October 2 at the age of 94. He served as a paratrooper in the US Army on the occupational force in Japan following World War II. Attorney Armour graduated from Middlebury College and he received an LLB law degree from University of Connecticut; he was a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, serving on its Trust Committee. Attorney Armour began his career with The Travelers. In 1957, he joined Connecticut Bank & Trust (CBT) in Hartford and worked for that bank and its successors for more than three decades. Norman retired briefly in 1991 but resumed his financial career with Trust Company of Connecticut, which he and his partners founded in 1992. He worked there until the company was acquired in 2005.

Lawrence H. Engelman passed away on October 1 at the age of 68. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Duke University, and his law

degrees, cum laude, including an LLM in Estate Planning from Miami University. Attorney Engelman



joined his father at Engelman and Engelman in 1982, and continued the family practice after the passing of his father in 1998. He was active in the community, including on the Board of the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, on committees of the Connecticut Bar Association, and coordinated the Traurig Scholarship Trust at B'nai Israel.



Cameron F. Hopper passed away on August 26 at the age of 89. He graduated from Trinity College and Yale Law School.

He served in the Connecticut Air National Guard from 1958 to 1964. After law school, Attorney Hopper was employed by the Greenwich law firm of Ivey Barnum & O'Mara, where he practiced until he was elected probate judge for the Town

of Greenwich in 1967. He served as the Greenwich probate judge for 23 years, while also practicing law as a solo practitioner, until 1991. Thereafter, he continued to practice law with his son, David, and several other partners, until his retirement in December 2016.



Philip O'Connor passed away on September 3. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and UConn School

of Law. He served in the US Army, where he was assigned to the organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, with the duties involving command and control of strategic nuclear weapons. Early in his career, he spent a few years with the Connecticut General Assembly's Office of Legislative Research. He later began as an associate at the Hartford law firm of Gordon Muir and Foley in 1979, became a partner, and remained there until his death.



CBA Free Legal Advice Clinic: Volunteers Needed

Tuesday, January 24 and Wednesday, January 25
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

If you have 30 minutes free, you can volunteer. Volunteer attorneys will answer legal questions in their area of practice during a 30-minute remote session with a client.

Volunteer opportunities are available for paralegals and law students as well.

Visit ctbar.org/FreeLegalAdviceClinics to learn more and register.



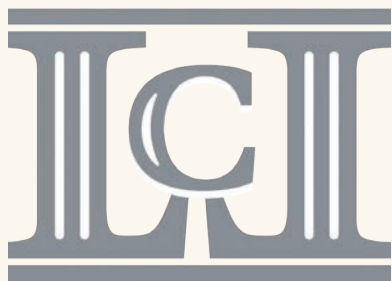
Melissa Biggs, a partner at DNB, will serve as our senior lobbyist. Attorney Biggs has worked with several sections over the past few years and is well versed with the CBA.

CBA Retains Government Relations Firm DNB Lobby

The CBA has retained the firm DePino, Nuñez, & Biggs, LLC (DNB) to oversee its lobbying activities. DNB is a trusted Connecticut bipartisan government relations firm with insider knowledge to deliver effective change. Providing tailored strategic lobbying and an effective government relations program, their team works year-round with elected and appointed officials on both sides of the aisle to achieve policy goals.

Established in 2003, DNB was built upon providing clients with a voice at the Capitol. In addition to decades of lobbying experience, DNB's team have served in the Connecticut General Assembly, and worked as Senior Staff in both the House of Representatives and State Senate. They have also served as Municipal Government Relations Director, Association of Connecticut Lobbyists President, and State Party Chairman and have held numerous leadership roles in both Federal and statewide campaigns.

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LCL-CT LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, Inc., Connecticut (LCL-CT) has unveiled an all-new website dedicated to providing support and information to judges, law students, attorneys, and others in the legal profession.

The new website contains a voluminous amount of easily accessible information, including convenient links to a vast number of resources. LCL-CT's signature programs and offerings appear on the homepage. There are links for support involving mental health, substance use, aging, and gambling. The site includes support for law students as well as links to features on wellness in the legal profession.

The new website is visually appealing and easy to navigate. Visit LCL-CT at www.lclct.org.



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