

News & Events

CBA Delegation Attends 2023 ABA Day

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On March 27-29, a Connecticut Bar Association delegation traveled to Washington, DC to attend the American Bar Association (ABA)'s 2023 ABA Day event. ABA Day is a three-day conference and is the legal profession's largest lobbying event of the year, where thousands of professionals across the country advocate on behalf of issues of importance to the legal profession. The CBA delegation consisted of CBA President Daniel J. Horgan, ABA State Captain Daniel A. Schwartz, CBA Past President Amy Lin Meyerson, Scott Schwefel, and Alison J. Toumekian.

During the trip, the CBA delegation met with Connecticut Senators Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal; Representative Jim Himes; and staff members of Representatives Joe Courtney, Rosa DeLauro, John Larson, and Jahana Hayes to discuss issues of importance to the CBA, ABA, and the legal profession. They advocated for increasing funding for the Legal Services Corporation, which is a national program that provides free legal assistance to individuals with low or no income.



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Holiday Hill

43 Candee Rd, Prospect

June 25 • 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Don't miss out on this year's event! Connecticut legal professionals and their families are invited to the summer picnic and festivities, including a lake with rowboats, kayaks, and canoes. All sporting equipment will be supplied by Holiday Hill.

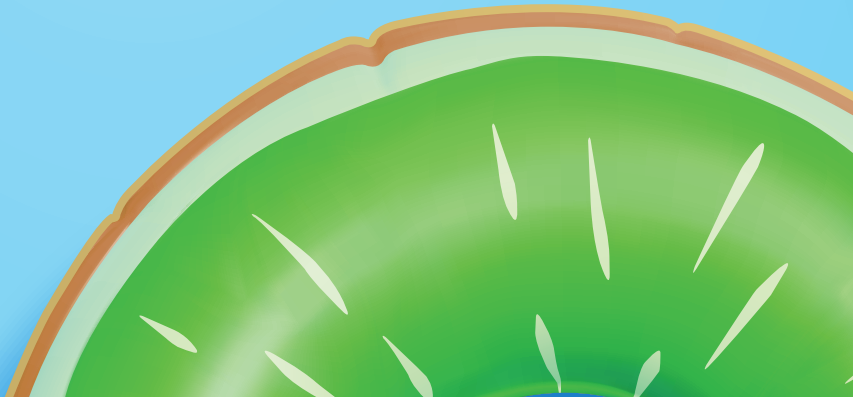
Activities include: airbrush tattoos, disc jockey with music for dancing and games, pony rides for the children, "alpine" rock climbing wall, bingo games with prizes, swimming pool, contests, games, and more!



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Attorney Tanyee Cheung Receives 2023 Ladder Award

The CBA Women in the Law Section, in association with the CBA Young Lawyers Section (YLS) Women in the Law Committee, honored Tanyee “Tan” Cheung as the 2023 recipient of the Ladder Award at Pathways to Leadership for Women Lawyers on March 2 at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville.

The Ladder Award was created by the YLS Women in the Law Committee in 2007 to honor a woman attorney who has “left the ladder down” for women to follow in her footsteps, and values the importance of leadership development, mentoring, and supporting junior lawyers in their journeys to success.

CBA Women in the Law Section Chair Kathryn L. Bissonnette was the first speaker of the evening; she welcomed attendees to the event, and shared that reaching her own goals, including her journey to becoming a partner, was directly impacted by the support of other female attorneys. She went on to say, “In a world where negativity, uncertainty, and hardship are barriers to success, especially for women, having the knowledge that there are other women out there who’ve been through similar experiences, and thrived through those experiences, provides the fuel for all of us to keep going, so we’re here tonight to celebrate those women.”

Women in the Law Section Vice Chair Michelle Napoli introduced the event’s keynote speaker, Connecticut Appellate Court Judge Nina F. Elgo. In her keynote speech, Judge Elgo emphasized the importance of the women in the legal field that came before her, who helped guide her in the path that led to her current position. She noted that she shares a common interest with Attorney Cheung in well-being practices, which she feels assists in combatting biases and ensuring success. “Taking a pause is a lesson I’ve learned over and over again, especially when our emotions get triggered.... The pause has helped me check myself and pull back from anger, shame, or humili-



The 2023 Ladder Award recipient Tanyee Cheung speaks to the audience.

ation and ask, is this really about me or someone else.... Pausing helps us check for the distortion that our own or others’ emotions can affect,” stated Judge Elgo.

Young Lawyers Section Women in the Law Committee Co-Chair Kara Zarchin began her remarks by thanking the five prior Ladder Award recipients who attended the event: Hon. Anne C. Dranginis, Elizabeth Alquist, Tanya A. Bovée, Rosemary E. Giuliano, and Diane W. Whitney. Before presenting the Ladder Award, Attorney Zarchin spoke about how Attorney Cheung had led a memorable YLS workshop in 2021, during which she empowered the young attorneys in attendance with stories of her family and work experiences. Attorney Tamu Lewis, a colleague of

Tanyee Cheung at Finn Dixon & Herling LLP, provided additional remarks about Attorney Cheung’s traits and achievements, stating, “Tan’s contributions stand far beyond the field of corporate finance. Her unceasing energy and her commitment to the development and advancement and well-being of junior attorneys is truly remarkable.”

As Attorney Cheung was invited to the podium, she received resounding applause from the audience. She began by inviting the room to take a calming pause and join her in three deep breaths. Attorney Cheung noted that, according to a recent article in *The Washington Post*, practicing law is the most stressful occupation in the United States. In response to the article and similar supporting statistics, Attorney Cheung stated, “The important thing to remember is that we can do something about it. For ourselves, we can recognize the importance of self-care and self-compassion. We can take the time to see that occupational well-being is but one pillar of well-being and that we need to spend time nurturing the other pillars of well-being: physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and environmental.” She noted that through actions, people can affect not only their own well-being but support that of their colleagues. “We have the opportunity to listen, encourage, and empower the people we work with and if enough of us so we can shift the environment of the whole legal profession.”



(L to R) CBA President Daniel J. Horgan, Hon. Nina F. Elgo, CBA Women in The Law Section Chair Kathryn L. Bissonnette, 2023 Ladder Award Recipient Tanyee Cheung, and CBA President-Elect Margaret I. Castinado.

YLS Hosts Student Outreach Event at UConn School of Law



(L to R) YLS Chair Christopher A. Klepps, YLS Law School Outreach Director Shanique D. Fenlator, and YLS Law School Outreach Director Andrew J. Glass participated in a panel.



UConn Law students participated in small group discussions during the event.

On February 15, the Young Lawyers Section (YLS) held a student outreach event at the University of Connecticut (UConn) School of Law with current UConn law students. At the event, YLS members and other attorneys discussed the benefits of networking and membership with the CBA. Participants met in small groups to discuss networking strategies and best practices as well as the students' career goals and how best to achieve them.

"As practitioners, we know that networking is vital to our success. We also know that, for a law student, networking can be intimidating," stated YLS Law School Outreach Director Shanique D. Fenlator. "We chose an informal environment because we wanted the students at UConn School of Law to feel comfortable. Our volunteer attorneys were not only relatable, but also transparent about their experiences, and that made the event a huge success."

IN MEMORIAM



Vincent J. Dowling passed away February 27 at the age of 95. He earned a BS in mechanical engineering from Lehigh University and worked as an engineer until he was drafted into the US Army; he served in Korea and was awarded the Bronze Star. Attorney Dowling earned his JD from UConn

School of Law and began his practice with his brothers Victor and Donald at Dowling & Dowling in Hartford. He went on to join Cooney & Scully, later renamed Cooney Scully and Dowling, where he practiced law and tried cases in state and federal courts for more than 40 years. Building on his background as an engineer, Attorney Dowling developed an internationally respected practice in construction law, with an emphasis on defense of architects and related complex litigation. In addition to extensive pro bono case work, he spent more than two decades as legal counsel for the Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford.

J. L. Pottenger, Jr. passed away on February 23 at the age of 72. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his JD from Yale Law School. After two judicial clerkships and a few years at Paul Weiss in New York City, Attorney Pottenger devoted his career to the Yale Law School clinical programs, where his wide-ranging service work included legislative advocacy, prison legal services, trial practice, landlord/tenant law, and professional responsibility. He was dedicated to fair housing and community development, through which he made a major impact in the Greater New Haven and larger Connecticut communities. Attorney Pottenger helped cofound Open Communities Alliance, an organization that aims to unwind Connecticut's history of government-perpetuated segregation and focuses on reducing social, economic, and health disparities experienced by low-income families of color.



David M. Wallman passed away on February 8 at the age of 77. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in political science and received his JD from the UConn School of Law. He founded Wallman Law Firm LLC in 1976, which focused on serving Connecticut busi-

nesses and residents by offering a select group of practice areas with an emphasis on commercial litigation. Attorney Wallman practiced law for more than 40 years and had experience in both state and federal court trials and appeals. He was a law clerk to the Honorable Jay E. Rubinow, judge of the Connecticut Superior Court and Probate Court Administrator.