

News & Events

Connecticut Bar Association's Hawaii Disaster Support Fundraiser Helping Hands for Hawaii



(L to R) Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association President Charleen E. Merced Agosto, Marilyn Diaz, David M. Moore, Yamuna Menon, CBA President Maggie Castinado, and South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut President Nandita Ruchandani.

On Thursday, September 28, the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) hosted the fundraiser Helping Hands for Hawaii to support disaster assistance for those affected by the recent wildfires in Hawaii. The fundraiser, which was created as an initiative of CBA President Maggie Castinado, was hosted at Salute Restaurant in Hartford, where attendees gathered to show support and contribute to this important cause.

Over \$2,300 was raised from donations, which will be divided evenly between AmeriCares and Maui United Way. Several organizations showed their support by sponsoring the event, including Brown Paindiris & Soctt LLP, the Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Associ-

ation, the CBA LGBT Section, the CBA Young Lawyers Section, the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association, the Connecticut Italian American Bar Association, the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association, Immigration Translators & Interpreters, the New Haven County Bar Association, and the South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut.

"Thank you to everyone who has contributed these much-needed funds, which will provide important support to the people of Hawaii as they recover from the recent fires," stated President Castinado. "I am proud that the Connecticut Bar Association is able to do our part in alleviating the damage that this natural disaster has had."

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CBA Members Volunteer at STAND DOWN 2023

CBA members continued their annual tradition to provide pro bono legal services to veterans at the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs' Stand Down event, which the CBA has assisted with since 1998. On September 22, Attorneys Dennis M. Carnelli, Jason M. Fragoso, Frank A. Manfredi, Jacob McChesney, and Russell Zimmerlin represented the CBA and provided in-person assistance to over 15 Stand Down attendees in Rocky Hill.



(L to R) CBA Volunteers Dennis M. Carnelli, Jacob McChesney, Frank A. Manfredi, Jason M. Fragoso, and Russell Zimmerlin

"I was very pleased with Stand Down this year," noted Attorney Carnelli. "Volunteer attorneys from the CBA worked in tandem with attorneys from the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center, the Connecticut Attorney General's office, and other government agencies to ensure that veterans were matched with attorneys who could provide appropriate guidance. I look forward to the CBA's continued presence at future Stand Downs, which will become of increasing importance as we find ourselves farther removed from post-9/11 military conflicts."

The first Stand Down events were established after the Vietnam War. These events, which are held throughout the country, provide veterans with "one-stop" access to a range of programs and services offered by state and federal agencies, veterans organizations, and community-based non-profits.

CBA Welcomes New Director of Communications

The Connecticut Bar

Association is pleased to announce the promotion of Alysha Adamo to Director of Communications. She is responsible for overseeing the Communications Department, guiding the association's brand standards, and developing strategic communications and marketing campaigns.



Alysha Adamo

With over 14 years at the Connecticut Bar Association, she will continue to manage the operations of CBA publications, including *CT Lawyer* magazine and the *Connecticut Bar Journal*. Ms. Adamo, a Connecticut native, earned her BA in English at the University of Connecticut and has an extensive editing background.

"I am thrilled to contribute to the growth of the association in this new role. I look forward to leading the Communications Department in its focus on serving our members and furthering the association's mission," stated Adamo.

Upcoming Education Calendar

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DECEMBER

- 1 Raising the Bar: A Bench-Bar Symposium on Professionalism ♦
- 4 Professional Perils: How to Avoid a Grievance and What to Do If You Are Grieved ♦
- 6 Advanced Residential Real Estate Closings
- 12 Ethics: How to Avoid Disciplinary Problems ♦
- 13 From Where We Sit: Due Process through the Eyes of Hearing Officers

JANUARY

- 8 Health Law
- 16 Federal Practice

- 23 Real Estate
- 25 Civil Trial Program
- 29 Estates and Probate
- 31 Mediation Through the Eyes of Mediators

FEBRUARY

- 1 Professionalism Boot Camp ♦
- 5 Sports and Entertainment
- 6 Criminal Law
- 13 Cybersecurity and Technology
- 20 Labor and Employment
- 22 Civil Trial: Opening and Closing—Experiential
- 27 Insurance Law

MARCH

- 1 More Effective Writing Makes More Effective Lawyers
- 4 LGBT
- 12 Family Law
- 13 How to Attract and Retain Top Talent, Including Millennials & Gen Zs for Law Firms
- 19 Depositions 101
- 27 Annual Employment Law Symposium
- 28 Rule of Law Conference

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IN MEMORIAM



John W. Hogan, Jr. passed away on November 10 at the age of 84. Born in New Haven, he attended College of the Holy Cross for his undergraduate degree and the University

of Connecticut for his law degree. Attorney Hogan began a 50-year long legal career in New Haven, and completed his career with his work at Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C., in Milford as of counsel, where he retired in 2015. Over the course of his career, he remained active in the city, volunteering and serving on the boards for numerous local organizations. Among his many professional achievements, Attorney Hogan served as president of the CBA from 2003-2004. During his tenure, he developed an extensive media outreach program to ascertain the public's perception of Connecticut's judicial system and improve recognition of the important societal role that the state's legal professionals play in protecting property interests, civil rights, and liberties. He also served the CBA in many capacities prior to his presidency, including as a member of the House of Delegates, member and chair of the Clients' Security Fund Committee, chair of the Awards and Pro Bono Committees, and chair of the Connecticut Council of Bar Presidents. Attorney Hogan's commitment to the advancement of the association was exemplary and his significant contributions will be remembered.

Jordan "Jay" Lustig, passed away on August 19 at the age of 91. Born and raised in the North End of Bridgeport, he was a graduate of Central High School and the University of Connecticut. Attorney Lustig went on to obtain his law degree from the University of Miami School of Law. He established his law office in downtown Bridgeport in the late 1950s and practiced law in the City for over 50 years, during which time he represented generations of client families. He was a member of the Bridgeport Bar Association, a chairman of its Real Estate Committee, and a long-time member of the Executive Committee of the CBA Real Property Section.

Kenneth M. McKeever passed away on October 16 at the age of 80. He enlisted in

the Marine Corps at the age of 17 where he served in the Honor Guard for President John F. Kennedy and served as personal orderly for Rear Admiral William B. Sieglaff, Commandant of the First Naval District. After more than five years of active duty, he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. He went on to join the Connecticut State Police where he was the resident state trooper for the town of East Lyme. During his time on the force, he earned his associate, bachelor's, and JD. Attorney McKeever practiced law in Niantic for 49 years, the last 20 with his son, Brendan, and was the long-time town attorney for Lyme. He successfully argued before the Connecticut Superior, Appellate, and Supreme Courts.



Michael F. Romano passed away on August 7 at the age of 68. He obtained a triple undergraduate degree in accounting, finance, and economics from

Avila University; a master's degree in management from the University of Nebraska; and his JD from the University of Bridgeport Law School. For almost 40 years, he practiced law in Rocky Hill, at the firm now known as Romano Parker & Associates. Active in the Connecticut Bar Association for many years, Attorney Romano served on the Real Property Section Executive Committee and the Professional Discipline Committee. He co-authored "Commercial Real Estate: Purchase and Sale" for the Third Edition of the CBA's *Connecticut Lawyers' Deskbook, A Reference Manual* and was a regular contributor to *CT Lawyer* magazine's Professional Discipline Digest. Additionally, Attorney Romano was invited to participate in a blue-ribbon panel sponsored by the Hartford County Bar Association to review, amend, and update its closing customs and on the CBA Model Contract Drafting Committee.



James A. Wade passed away on July 3 at the age of 86. He graduated from Yale University and the University of Virginia School of Law.

Following law school, Attorney Wade served as a lawyer in the Navy in the Judge Advocate General's Corps before heading to a distinguished career as an attorney at Robinson+Cole, where he celebrated his 50th anniversary in 2016. During his career at the firm, Attorney Wade provided legal counsel to an array of political, corporate, criminal, and civil clients. He served as outside counsel to the Connecticut Democratic Party, representing three Connecticut governors in litigation. He is a recipient of the CBA's 2018 Edward F. Hennessey Professionalism Award, presented to an attorney "whose career has manifested a dedication to the highest ideals and standard of legal professionalism."



Elizabeth C. Yen passed away on July 12 at the age of 66. Attorney Yen graduated from Yale University, cum laude, in 1976, majoring in French and German literature.

Before entering law school, she fought racial employment discrimination with Attorney Mary Ellen Wynn for the plaintiffs in *Williams v. Wallace Silversmiths, Inc.* She graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, cum laude, in 1980. She then returned to New Haven to practice law. Attorney Yen was elected, 1997-2001, Chair of the Truth in Lending Subcommittee of the American Bar Association Consumer Financial Services Committee, part of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section, while she was a partner at Pullman & Comley in Bridgeport. She was elected, 1999-2000, treasurer of the Connecticut Bar Association. Then, in 2000, she joined Hudson Cook, LLP, an internet-linked national law firm headquartered in Maryland, where she practiced until her death. Attorney Yen notably served on the *CT Lawyer* Advisory Committee since its inception in 1990, and as chair, 2013 - 2019. "Her passing is a huge loss for the committee and for the bar. We will miss her thoughtful contributions, both as a committee member and as a prolific writer of articles for *CT Lawyer*," stated Regan O'Malley, current chair of the Advisory Committee.

CBA YLS HOSTS NORTHEAST REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG LAWYERS

On September 21 through 23, more than 50 attorneys from Connecticut and nearby states gathered at Mohegan Sun for the Northeast Regional Professional Development Conference for Young Lawyers. The conference was hosted by the Connecticut Bar Association Young Lawyers Section and provided the opportunity for young lawyers from throughout the northeast region to network and gain critical skills and knowledge to develop as leaders in the legal profession.

The conference began on the evening of Thursday, September 21, with a welcome reception on Mohegan Sun's Earth Terrace. This gathering allowed attendees to socialize with one another in a relaxed setting before engaging in the educational content covered over the following two days.

CBA Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and 2022-2023 YLS Chair Christopher A. Klepps served as host of the conference, inviting CBA President Maggie Castinada to the stage to address the young attorneys with welcome remarks prior to the start of the educational seminars on the morning of Friday, September 22. She encouraged the young attorneys in the audience to effectuate positive changes within the legal field and push for increased inclusiveness, civility, and justice, stating, "You are the faces of hope and the faces of our future and the change that is necessary in our profession."

In the first seminar of the conference, *From Suits to Selfies: Embracing the Digital Era—A Lawyer's Guide to Social Media Success*, Ryan McKeen of Connecticut Trial Firm LLC and Karen Vladeck of Whistler Partners shared their expertise in using social media platforms to enhance a firm or practitioner's online presence. They encouraged attorneys to actively engage on social media platforms to share opinions, network, and expand their visibility, noting that many lawyers and firms underutilize the digital communities available to them. The speakers also cautioned that "there is no difference between online life and in-person life" and cautioned the audience to refrain from any behavior or speech that would not be acceptable in their real-world professional relationships.

Dr. Cain Elliott, head future legalist and senior vice president of Filevine, presented the conference's second Friday seminar,



(L to R) David Robinson, Lisa Lugauskas, Fallon DePina Banks, and moderator Christopher A. Klepps participate in *From the Courtroom to the Board Room: Careers in Corporate and In-House Counsel.*; Bottom: (L to R) Ryan McKeen and Karen Vladeck present *From Suits to Selfies: Embracing the Digital Era—A Lawyer's Guide to Social Media Success.*



Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about AI and the Law (But Were Afraid to Ask). He began by providing a high-level overview of what artificial intelligence is and what types of AI based programs are relevant to the practice of law. Dr. Cain explained that the development of AI is an inevitable result of the advancement of technology, and like any other tool, it can be used either effectively or inappropriately. He presented cautionary tales of attorneys who misused AI programming without understanding the processes behind the technology and advised the attendees to expend the time and effort necessary to comprehend and properly utilize artificial intelligence in an ethical and effective manner.

The conference's keynote presentation was provided by Hon. Sarah A. L. Merriam, who serves as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Her speech centered on her own experiences as a young attorney, which she reflected upon while advising those in attendance to find enjoyment and meaning in their work. "Don't be in such a hurry. Everyone has these checklists of 'I've got to do this by the time I'm 30,'" stated Judge Merriam. "You don't have to be in such a hurry. Do the things you want to do and that make you happy." She noted that her own path to becoming a federal judge had not been straight forward, but consisted of many personally significant roles where she undertook fulfilling work.

The final Friday seminar of the conference, *From the Courtroom to the Board Room: Careers in Corporate and In-House Counsel*, consisted of a panel discussion with three attorneys, Fallon DePina Banks of Cigna, Lisa Lugauskas of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, and David Robinson of the Hartford, who all hold in-house roles within companies. During the seminar, which was moderated by Christopher A. Klepps, each

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(L to R) Christopher A. Klepps, Cindy M. Cieslak, YLS Chair Sarah O'Brien, Hon. Sarah A. L. Merriam, Alison J. Toumekian, and CBA President Maggie Castinada

Pro Bono Volunteers Recognized for Exemplary Service

On October 5, the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) hosted its Pro Bono Volunteer Recognition Reception at the CBA Law Center in New Britain and was attended by volunteers who participate in the CBA's various pro bono programs throughout the year.

The evening began with the reception's guests enjoying hors d'oeuvres and refreshments while socializing with each other and leaders of the association. CBA President-Elect and Pro Bono Committee Co-Chair James T. Shearin addressed those in attendance, recognizing them for their exemplary commitment to providing pro bono representation. "I'm proud to be in front of you and say thank you for all that you've done, mostly because you are an example of what the rest of the bar needs to do," stated President-Elect Shearin, who, following his remarks, presented each pro bono volunteer with a certificate of thanks for their participation in CBA pro bono programs.

To learn more about the CBA's pro bono programs or to volunteer, visit ctbar.org/volunteer.

Thank You to Outstanding CBA Pro Bono Programs Volunteers!

The CBA's pro bono programs would not have the impact they do without the dedication and hard work of many volunteers. The CBA is grateful to the following attorneys who provided exceptional representation to individuals in need through the CBA's pro bono programs during the 2022-2023 bar year.¹ Thanks to the efforts of some of the volunteer attorneys below, and many other volunteers, over 1,000 individuals were able to receive free legal assistance



The volunteers who attended the event were recognized for their significant participation in the CBA's various pro bono programs.

through the CBA's pro bono programs this bar year. The CBA-administered pro bono programs include Bankruptcy Pro Bono, CT Free Legal Answers, Free

Legal Advice Clinics, Emeritus Pro Bono, Lawyers in Libraries, Pro Bono Connect, and Small Claims Volunteer Attorney Program.²

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NOTES

¹ While the CBA appreciates all of the volunteers that help make its programs possible, the attorneys listed here qualified for recognition based on the number of clients served and time volunteered through the CBA pro bono programs during the 2022-23 bar year.

² CT Free Legal Answers is an American Bar Association website administered by the CBA in Connecticut; the Small Claims Volunteer Attorney Program is jointly run by the Connecticut Judicial Branch and CBA; Bankruptcy Pro Bono and the Free Legal Advice Clinics are administered by the CBA in collaboration with Statewide Legal Services. The CBA appreciates all of the partner organizations that help make these programs a success.

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To learn more about the CBA's pro bono programs or to volunteer, visit ctbar.org/ProBono.

4 WAYS TO PROVIDE PRO BONO SERVICE

Connecticut's Rules of Professional Conduct for attorneys (Rule 6.1) defines Pro Bono Publico legal services as: "... professional services at no fee or a reduced fee to persons of limited means or to public service or charitable groups or organizations, by service in activities for improving the law, the legal system or the legal profession, and by financial support for organizations that provide legal services to persons of limited means." Volunteer today through one of our pro bono programs.

CBA Pro Bono Connect

Get connected with one of Connecticut's civil legal services providers, based on your expressed pro bono interests, to provide civic legal services to Connecticut residents in need. Connections to training is also available.

CT Free Legal Answers

CT Free Legal Answers is an online civil legal service for people who cannot afford to pay for an attorney. Attorneys will answer questions through an online portal.

Lawyers in Libraries

Provides pro bono legal services to members of the public at libraries throughout the state in the areas of landlord/tenant, immigration law, family law, employment, consumer rights, and personal injury.

Bankruptcy Pro Bono Program

The Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section has formed a panel of volunteer attorneys to represent needy and qualified individuals or married spouses pro bono in Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases, contested matters, and adversary proceedings.

Visit ctbar.org/members/volunteer to learn more about these programs and other pro bono resources.

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(L to R) Pro Bono Committee Co-Chair Dan Brody; Membership Committee Co-Chair Kyle LaBuff; YLS Chair Sara J. O'Brien; Connecticut Appellate Court Chief Judge William H. Bright, Jr.; and YLS Pro Bono Coordinator Logan A. Carducci

CBA Young Lawyers Section Hosts 2023 Pro Bono Fair and Golf Event

On October 19, the Connecticut Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (YLS) hosted its annual Pro Bono Fair and Golf Event at the Hartford Golf Club. Over 50 people attended the event, which consisted of a nine-hole round of golf followed by a reception.

Eleven pro bono organizations hosted booths at the event, presented brief introductions to their services, and were on hand to provide information about volunteer opportunities to attendees:

CBA Pro Bono Programs

(Free Legal Advice Clinics, CT Free Legal Answers, Lawyers in Libraries, CBA Pro Bono Connect)

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants

Connecticut Veterans Legal Center CTLawHelp.org

Disability Rights Connecticut

Pro Bono Partnership

State of Connecticut Judicial Branch (Volunteer Attorney Program)

Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut, Inc.

The Connecticut Probate Courts, Office of the Probate Court Administrator and Connecticut Probate Assembly

Victim Rights Center of CT, a program of the CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence

After welcoming attendees to the reception, CBA YLS Chair Sara O'Brien encouraged the young lawyers to engage with the different pro bono organizations and to "learn something new and take on a new case." Connecticut Appellate Court Chief Judge William H. Bright, Jr., the keynote speaker, underscored the importance of attorneys providing pro bono services. "Any judge will tell you there is no substitute for having a lawyer,"

stated Judge Bright. "No matter what we do to help self-represented parties, you are much more well equipped to represent them than they are to represent themselves."

CBA Pro Bono Committee Co-Chair Dan Brody shared details regarding the CBA's various Pro Bono programs and noted that pro bono work can provide valuable experience to young attorneys. "When you take on these pro bono cases and you're the real driver behind them, what you'll also learn is a lot about yourself and how you are as a lawyer and your style," stated Attorney Brody.

Thank you to all those who attended this year's event as well as all the attorneys who provide vital pro bono services to individuals in need throughout Connecticut.



(L to R) Past YLS Chair Cindy M. Cieslak, Virginia M. Gillette, Past YLS Chair Christopher A. Klepps, Trent LaLima



(L to R) Vianca T. Mallick; YLS Chair Sara J. O'Brien; John M. Russo, Jr.; Alison J. Toumekian

CBA President Receives Achievement Award

On November 8, CBA President Maggie Castinado was presented with the 2023 Achievement Award by the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association (CHBA) at their Twenty-Eighth Annual Awards Celebration, held at the New Haven Lawn Club. She was honored for her notable professional achievements, including her tenure as CHBA president from 2015-2016 and her extensive mentorship of Hispanic legal professionals within the state.

President Castinado also served as the keynote speaker and offered advice to the young lawyers and law students in attendance: "Confront biases and systemic injustices that pervade our institutions. It is not enough to be passive observers. Stand up, speak out, believe in yourselves, embrace your unique perspectives, never forget the power of your voice, and know that you are not alone. Together we can move mountains." ■



Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association Past President and Board Member Marie C. Bertrand (Left) presents the 2023 Achievement Award to CBA President Maggie Castinado (Right).



CBA Free Legal Advice Clinic: Volunteers Needed

Tuesday, January 23, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 24, 2024
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.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Fraudulent Business/Debt Collection
- Employee Rights/Unemployment
- Immigration Law
- Landlord/Tenant
- Family Law
- Tax Law
- Bankruptcy
- Pardons
- Wills and Estates
- Torts

Volunteer opportunities are available for paralegals and law students as well. Visit ctbar.org/FreeLegalAdviceClinics to learn more and register.



Trademarks

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Names and Numbers (ICANN), which manages the top-level development and architecture of the Internet domain name space. A domain name can also be used as a trademark.

Trademarks are valuable property rights belonging to a business and promote the business to the consuming public. Trademarks as properties can be bought, sold, and licensed to others. Trademarks can become enduring properties whose value increases with time and use as long as they are properly cared for. ■

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member of the panel shared their own personal story of why they chose to pursue alternatives to private practice and the advantages that such roles can offer.

The final day of the conference, Saturday, September 30, consisted of two educational seminars. The morning began with Alternative Pathways to Leadership: Government, Lawyering, and Community Engagement, which took the form of a panel comprised of attorneys Michael Dumas, Melanie Dykas, Aigné Goldsby, and Shasta Inman, moderated by YLS executive committee member Ali Toumekian. In the seminar, the attorneys discussed the importance of civic engagement and how participation in bar associations and affinity groups can provide a path to leadership roles in government and other organizations.

During the final seminar of the conference, Balancing Wellness with the Scales of Justice: A Perspective on Attorneys and Wellness, Professor Larry Dickson of Plain and Simple Counseling and Consultation Services presented on the critical issue of well-being within the legal profession. He explained how to identify different physical, emotional, and mental health warning signs as well as how to engage in stress reduction and relaxation techniques to address them.

Following the end of the conference's seminars, attendees were able to enjoy a final lunch together before departing.

Young Lawyers

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gram benefit is available to the caregiver present with a critically ill child admitted to the hospital regardless of financial situation; age, race, or religion; patient condition, illness, or injury; and regardless of the length of inpatient stay.

This year, the Young Lawyers Section has chosen to honor Feeding Families Foundation as the beneficiary of all funds raised through our annual holiday party. If you are unable to attend in person, we hope that you will consider making a monetary donation to this worthy organization either through their website directly at feedingfamiliesfoundation.org or through the Connecticut Bar Association's registration page for this event at ctbar.org/YLSDonation, which will remain open through December 31, 2023. All proceeds will be donated in honor of Jeff and Sam's daughter.

Jeff and Sam are finding ways to make their community a better place for others who may share the same road. Throughout the past year, Jeff has been present for his family and Harper's treatment all while continuing in his path as a lawyer. Being 100 percent present in whatever you do or for whomever you are with is an achievement that takes conscious effort. As we strive to seek balance in our lives, especially through the holiday seasons, may we be proud to recognize that being lawyers will always be a part of who we are, but may we have the strength to realize that it is not all that we are. ■