

The Ralph J. Monaco Memorial Civics Education Award and Fund

In memory of the late **Ralph J. Monaco**, the CBA's 87th president and champion of civics education, the CT Bar Institute (CTBI) established the Ralph J. Monaco Memorial Civics Education Award, which is presented annually during the CBA's Law Day celebration. The award is accompanied by a monetary grant drawn from the Ralph J. Monaco Civics Education Fund.

Award Criteria: The Monaco Civics Award is awarded to either one or more current Connecticut high school students, in their junior or senior year of study, who have demonstrated a significant commitment to advancing civic engagement, civics education and/or the rule of law. Participation in extracurricular activities promoting civic engagement, civics education, and the rule of law, such as mock trial, student government, speech and debate, Model U.N., or other forensic activities and student activism shall be considered favorably.

Monetary Award: Each Monaco Civics Award will be accompanied by a \$1,000 monetary grant provided to each selected recipient, thanks to the generous donations to the Ralph J. Monaco Civics Education Fund.

Award Committee: The Ralph J. Monaco Memorial Awards Committee ("Monaco Awards Committee") is responsible for promoting the Monaco Civics Award; selecting the recipients of the Monaco Civics Award each year; determining, within available funds, the number and amount of Monaco Civics Awards to grant in a year; and fundraising for the Ralph J. Monaco Memorial Civics Education Fund.

The Monaco Awards Committee suggests that nominations be submitted by a teacher, coach, club advisor, or similarly-situated individual with personal knowledge of the nominee's activities and commitment to civics education and the rule of law. In the event of a self-nomination, a letter of reference from



such an individual, while not required, would be helpful in the Monaco Awards Committee's consideration of the nominee.

Nominations must be submitted by April 1, 2024 to be considered for the 2024 Award. Selected recipients must be available to attend the May 2, 2024 Law Day celebration in Hartford.

To submit an award nomination or donate in support of the Monaco Fund, visit ctbar.org/MonacoFund.

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Seeking Leaders to Serve on the House of Delegates from 2024-27

The CBA is seeking leaders to represent their colleagues in the House of Delegates for a three-year term. Please consider volunteering your time to strengthen the CBA, bring new ideas, and encourage growth to the association as we move forward in the coming years. The districts that have at least one expiring seat beginning July 1, 2024 are 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12.

If you currently are seated on the House of Delegates and your term is about to expire, you still need to follow the procedure for nomination once again.

We have made it easier to

secure a seat in our election for the House of Delegates with our online nomination process. Please visit ctbar.org/HODNomination to find the instructions for nominating colleagues in your District and/or yourself. Completed petitions are due Monday, April 15, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.

Your membership is greatly appreciated and your participation in the governing of the Connecticut Bar Association will only strengthen our organization.

If you have any questions, contact Carol DeJohn at cdejohn@ctbar.org.



— SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT —

CBA Moving Update

THE CBA IS MOVING TO MERIDEN THIS SUMMER!

The CBA will be relocating to its new office located at Meriden Executive Park, 538 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT, 06450 this summer. With our newly updated facility, the CBA will continue to serve our members with enhanced benefits and provide space for member meetings and CLE programming from a centrally located and easy-to-access site.

Until our relocation is finalized, please continue to address any mail to Connecticut Bar Association, 30 Bank Street, New Britain, CT 06051. We will keep you informed of further updates as they are available.

PEERS AND CHEERS

Brown Paindiris & Scott LLP has announced new additions and promotions within the firm. **Cody Guarnieri** has been elevated to a capital partner at the firm; his practice area is diverse and includes criminal defense, personal injury and medical negligence, business litigation, and defending professional, and occupational licensing for individuals and businesses. **George Baker**, previously of counsel, has been named a partner; his practice areas include elder law and estate planning as well as probate and trust administration. **Bernard F. Gaffney** has joined the firm as a partner in its Hartford office where he will continue handling litigation from the investigation and claim stage through trial and appeal in the employment and injury law fields. Additionally, Brown Paindiris & Scott LLP has hired the following three new associates: **Bailey M. Frankel**, **Erik W. Scalzi**, and **Caitlin E. Zarella**. Attorney Frankel's practice areas include civil litigation, transactional, and business law; she recently finished a clerkship for Judge Bethany J. Alvord of the CT Appellate Court. Attorney Scalzi will perform primarily transactional work on commercial transactions after previously serving as a law clerk at the firm. Attorney Zarella will work in elder law and estate planning as well as assisting the firm's family law department after working for more than a decade for the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch as a supervisor of the family division of the Superior Court.

Cummings & Lockwood is pleased to announce that **Elizabeth A. Falkoff** has been elected to principal. Attorney Falkoff represents individuals and families in the creation and implementation of sophisticated estate plans facilitating the passage of wealth through generations. Her estate planning practice includes gift planning and the use of trusts as tools for asset management, creditor protection, charitable giving, and minimization of taxes.

Kahan Kerensky Capossela LLP in Vernon has added two law clerks to its staff. **Daniel Steiner** is finishing up his law education at Western New England University School of Law and will receive a Transactional Law Certificate; he will be working in the firm's Business and Litigation Departments. **Jennifer Vincenzo** is in her final year at Quinnipiac Law School and will be working in the firm's Estate Planning and Family Law Departments. She is a recipient of the Excellence in Oral Advocacy award and the Judge Edgar W. Bassick III Scholarship for students interested in Family Law.

Littler, the world's largest employment and labor law practice representing management, has appointed **Paula Anthony** as office managing shareholder of the firm's New Haven office. She focuses her practice on employment litigation matters in state and federal courts, as well as administrative charges before the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Connecticut Department of Labor.

Louden Katz & McGrath LLC has added **Edward Bryan** as a partner and changed the firm name to **Louden Katz McGrath & Bryan LLC**. Attorney Bryan practices in matrimonial law and has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Connecticut teaching Legal Aspects of Family Life, and Child Welfare, Law, and Social Policy.

Pullman & Comley LLC is pleased to welcome **Retired Judge John D. Moore** to the firm as a member of its Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) practice. He focuses on the mediation and arbitration of civil matters, particularly in the areas of personal injury, property damage, professional liability, attorney fee disputes, environmental issues, toxic tort, and insurance coverage. He also handles family disputes, including both pre- and post-dissolution matters involving property distribution and child custody.

Rome Clifford Katz & Koerner LLP has added **Tony Stevens** to the firm. Attorney Stevens focuses his practice on the areas of personal injury, wrongful death, and vaccine injury.

Saxe Doernberger & Vita PC has announced the elevation of **Janie Reilly Eddy** to partner. She has exclusively represented policyholder clients throughout her career with the firm and represents policyholders of all sizes, ranging from individuals to non-profits to international companies. Attorney Eddy primarily handles construction cases, risk transfer issues for upstream clients, and policyholders in mass tort aviation litigation.

Shipman & Goodwin LLP has promoted **Keegan Drenosky**, **Lee Anne Duval**, **Laura Schuyler**, **Julia Wilde**, and **Tracy Ellis Williams** to partner and Attorney Drenosky's practice focuses on employment counseling and litigation for private businesses such as Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, manufacturers, restaurants, and healthcare providers, as well as public agencies, municipalities, and independent schools. Attorney Duval serves as Shipman's Associate General Counsel and focuses her practice on legal ethics, corporate governance, professional responsibility, and risk management. Attorney Schuyler is a member of Shipman's Trusts and Estates practice; she counsels individuals on the full range of estate planning techniques for tax-effective intergenerational and charitable transfers and assists clients with the estate settlement process. Attorney Wilde is a member of the firm's School Law Practice Group and advises educational institutions on a variety of general education, special education, and labor and employment issues. Attorney Williams represents national and regional companies in commercial litigation and arbitration matters. **Michael King** has been promoted to Counsel. Attorney King practices primarily in complex commercial and business litigation, where he represents clients in disputes involving general franchise and petroleum marketing issues, contracts, business torts, fiduciary duties, and unfair trade practice claims. ■