

## Message from the President



As we head into our summer hiatus, I'd like to recap some of the major NRBA events and community programs which have taken place over the past ten months since I assumed the presidency of this great bar association.

In September, we hosted an overflow crowd at Posto22 for our Induction Dinner, presided over by former Court of Appeals Judge Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick.

On October 16th, we hosted our very first Judges' Night, which was attended by 28 local, county and Supreme Court judges presiding throughout Westchester and the Bronx.

In December, yet another "first", a sold-out Holiday Party at the homestead and farm of John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the United States. We were joined by our colleagues from the Mamaroneck-Harrison-Larchmont and Portchester-Rye Bar Associations. Guests were greeted at the front door of the mansion with a glass of champagne, and then given a guided tour conducted by Suzanne Cleary, President of the John Jay Heritage Center, followed by cocktails and dinner in the Carriage House of the mansion.

In April, we were privileged once again, for the 12th year in a row, to host Chief Judge Janet

DiFiore and the Judges of the New York State Court of Appeals. The event was held at the Surf Club overlooking Long Island Sound on a lovely spring evening. The Court attends only two bar dinners a year, one in Albany and ours. Most bar associations feel fortunate to have one Court of Appeals judge attend an event; the members of the NRBA have the opportunity to meet not only the entire court but the Chief Judge as well.

We finished the year with yet another first, a Dinner Cruise on the Klondike which sailed down the Long Island Sound and afforded us beautiful views on a warm spring night.

Many thanks to Carmelina DiMarco and Michele Tombini for planning and coordinating each of these wonderful events. They both spent innumerable hours of their personal time ensuring a great time for you, the members of NRBA, and we are very fortunate to have them on our team.

Our monthly Continuing Education programs continue to be well attended. We were pleased to be allowed to use the beautiful City Council Chamber at City Hall as our meeting venue, thanks to the efforts of City Council member Barry Fertel, a longtime member of NRBA. As an aside, Barry has decided not to run for re-election, but will continue being a vital member of the New Rochelle community. Many thanks to past president Jeffrey Levin for securing interesting speakers, coordinating the monthly programs and insuring our continued certification as an accredited CLE provider. Thanks to board member Warren Agatston for preparing meeting notices and attendance certificates, and sitting at the check-in table each month to greet members and ensure that their attendance is properly recorded. Likewise, I commend Michele Tombini

and Jennifer Pasquantonio for assisting Warren and Jeff in their work.

Aside from our major events and our monthly CLE programs, NRBA is involved in many community activities which our members should be aware of and should participate in.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, this spring we are able to award five scholarships to New Rochelle High School seniors and one to a Pace Law School student, each in the amount of \$500.00. The recipients are chosen by the schools and are based on financial need. On June 17th, I attended the New Rochelle High School Awards ceremony and presented checks to Rodolfo Garcia, Mathieu Opdyke, Sofia Valerio and Noah Rivel. On June 19th, I presented the NRBA-Walter Bobrow Endowed Scholarship to Brandon Thomas.

Vice-President David Lacher coordinates three of our community service programs: the monthly meetings of the Law Club at the New Rochelle Boys and Girls Club; the quarterly Law at the Library presentations; and the annual spring Lawyers in the Classroom program. Each of these programs requires an enormous amount of planning, recruitment of volunteers, and coordination of scheduling and programming with other entities. David, who spent 25 years as a member and President of the New Rochelle Board of Education, is particularly adept at all of these tasks. Despite undergoing emergency open heart surgery last year (from which he is thankfully fully recovered) David managed to produce each of these programs with remarkable results, and I gratefully acknowledge his efforts.

Finally, I acknowledge Jennifer Pasquantonio for revitalizing and coordinating the Small Claims Court Arbitrators program. We were called upon last year by the City Court to ensure that there were sufficient volunteers who were properly scheduled for the Small Claims Court monthly sessions. Jen took on this task and continues to insure

the necessary cooperation between volunteers and the court.

Each of the members of the NRBA Board of Directors has a specific "job assignment". Aside from those mentioned above, Treasurer Frank DiMarco and Carmelina DiMarco ensure the accuracy of our finances, and handle collection and disbursement of payments for all of our events. Artem Djukic prepares our quarterly Newsletter; Mark Griffin coordinates our websites and publicity. Past President Laurie Korngold has returned to the Board as Secretary, and records and retains the minutes of all meetings. Frank D'Onofrio is our membership director and has been assembling the new Member Directory, the first in four years. Laurie Dallos assists David Lacher with community projects. Past Presidents Richard Sosis and Paula Kelly wear many hats, and handle all of the miscellaneous issues not handled by other board members.

As President, I have represented NRBA at many meetings of outside entities, including the Network of Bar Leaders, an association of sixty (60) bar associations from throughout the New York City metropolitan area; meetings of the 9th Judicial District Pro Bono Committee; the Westchester County Bar Association Board of Directors meetings, and various other events throughout the year where our Bar should be represented.

I invite each of you to become more involved in our activities, and I thank you for your membership in the New Rochelle Bar Association, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2021.

Yours,

*Ronald V. Zezima*



## Message from the Editor



Dear fellow bar association members, I hope everyone had a wonderful July 4<sup>th</sup>! It has been a pleasure updating you on the great events and CLE's provided by our organization this year. I look forward to next year's events and encourage you all to submit articles and information of interest for next fall's newsletter. Enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall of 2019.

Sincerely,

*Artem Djukic*



## NRBA ANNUAL COURT OF APPEALS DINNER

April 10, 2019, the NRBA hosted its annual Court of Appeals dinner attended by all of the judges of the Court of Appeals, including the Chief Judge Janet DiFiore at the Surf Club, thanks to our generous sponsors Appellate Innovations and Orange Bank & Trust Company.





*From left to right: Joseph A. Ruhl, Regional President of Orange Bank, Marie Moreno, of Orange Bank, and Hon. Robert M. DiBella.*



*NRBA President Ronald A. Zezima*



*Noam Bramson, New Rochelle Mayor*



*County Executive George Latimer and Paula Johnson Kelly*



*From left to right: Hon. Kathie Davidson (Admin. Judg. 9<sup>th</sup> J.D.), Hon. Jenny Rivera, Hon. Rowan D. Wilson, Hon. Janet DiFiore, Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick, Hon. Michael J. Garcia, Hon. Paul G. Feinman and Hon. Alan D. Scheinkman.*



## **NETWORK OF BAR LEADERS ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S DINNER**

On June 12, 2019, the New Rochelle Bar Association was a Silver Sponsor of the Network of Bar Leaders Annual Presidents' Dinner. The NRBA was represented at the dinner at the Golden Unicorn Restaurant by Ron Zezima, Paula Johnson Kelly, David Lacher, Frank DiMarco and Jeff Levin. Ron Zezima was honored at the dinner and received the Presidents' Award. The Network of Bar Leaders is a coalition of 60 member bar associations dedicated

to bringing together the leadership of the diverse bar associations of the Greater New York metropolitan area. We congratulate Jeffrey Levin on being elected to the Board of Directors of the Network of Bar Leaders.



*From left to right: Paula Johnson Kelly, New York State Attorney General Leticia James, Ronald V. Zezima and Frank DiMarco.*



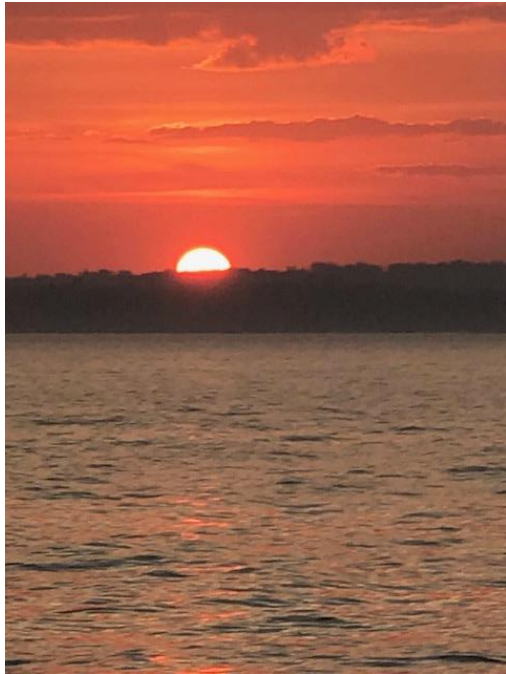
*From left to right: Justice Jeffrey Oing, Ronald V. Zezima and Bridgette Ahn (President of the Network).*



## NRBA DINNER CRUISE

On June 25, 2019 (the rain date), the NRBA hosted its annual elections of Officers and Board of Directors at a first ever Dinner Cruise that launched from Fort Solcum Pier in New Rochelle on the Klondike New York. The Dinner was possible due to our sponsors M & T Bank and Sam Pierce (retired New Rochelle City Marshall), it was well attended and a lot of fun.





For more photos from the events please go to the  
NRBAR.ORG website.

(<http://www.nrbar.org/EventPhotos>).



## CLE UPDATE

The NRBA continues to provide monthly  
free CLEs to all its members.



On April 18, 2019 Adria Goldman Gross and  
Artem Djukic, Esq. presented on “Curing your

## Medical Insurance Problems and 2019 Medicaid Update and Strategies.”



On May 16, 2019 Carol Schiro Greenwald, Ph.D. and Donna Drumm, Esq., presented on “Ethical Best Practices: Attorney Ethics in the Networking World.”



On June 20, 2019, Robert C. Hertman, Esq., Andrew P. Schriver, Esq. Dave Holland, Esq. and Brad Landau, Esq. presented on “Cannabis Law.”

For more pictures of the CLE’s and all our events please visit the website  
(<http://www.nrbar.org/EventPhotos>).

## A REMINDER ABOUT OUR SPONSORS

The following individuals and institutions have sponsored our CLEs and events in the past. We thank them for their support and ask our members to seriously consider engaging them for their services.

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**Joseph A. Ruhl, Esq. of Orange Bank & Trust,** 42 Waller Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601. Cell: (914) 260-3475.

**Lola Gazivoda, of M&T Bank Business Banking,** 120 White Plains Road, Suite 300, Tarrytown, NY 10591. Phone: 914-366-8591 Cell: 914-268-7975  
Fax: 914-366-8501 & Email: [lgazivoda@mtb.com](mailto:lgazivoda@mtb.com).

**Michael Padilla, of M&T Bank,** 300 Mamaroneck Avenue, Mamaroneck, New York 10543. Phone: 914-698-6400 & Email: [mpadilla@mtb.com](mailto:mpadilla@mtb.com).

### Financial Advisors

**James Alperin, Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management,** One Fawcett Place, 3rd Floor, Greenwich, CT 06830. Cell: (917) 697-1581.

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Rye Brook, New York 10573. Cell: (914) 329-6375.

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**Sam Pierce, New Rochelle City Marshall,**  
475 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801.

**Westchester Family Care, Inc.,**  
1 Depot Plaza, Mamaroneck, NY 10543. Tel:(914) 764-7500.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS  
AND RENEWALS REMINDER**

The NRBA membership is from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. The annual dues are \$100. Members who renew, and prospective members seeking to join the NRBA, should do so through the website. All renewing members must update their contact information, practice areas and other information online at <http://www.nrbar.org/> (by registering as a “new” member, once initially registered in the new system, annual renewals will be less cumbersome). When you load the website, enter the email address at which you currently receive NRBA notices as your login-in ID and click on the “Forgot Password” button to begin the registration process. If you have technical difficulties renewing online, please contact Hon. Jeffrey Levin at: [jeffrey.levin.law@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.levin.law@gmail.com) and we will assist you.

If paying by physical check, please make it out to "New Rochelle Bar Association" and mail it to The New Rochelle Bar Association, P.O. Box 1863, New Rochelle, NY 10802. Even if you pay by check, you should log in and update your contact information to ensure that this information is current. If you need help with this, please contact the NRBA and we will assist you.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE:** Office space available for rent at 271 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801. For further information please contact Richard Sosis at [drlaw41@verizon.net](mailto:drlaw41@verizon.net).

**OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE:** Scarsdale, 1-5 penthouse window offices in established law firm + conference rooms, reception stations, kitchenette Fully equipped, WiFi, free parking, near courts, Vernon Hills Center, Class A building, Term Flexible, Contact: Jennifer Aronson, 914-713-9311 or 203-500-5012, [jaronson@joneslawllp.com](mailto:jaronson@joneslawllp.com).

## AROUND TOWN

The WCBA hosted its annual meeting and Past President's Dinner at the Coveleigh Club in Rye New York. Hon. Linda A. Jameson was elected as President of Westchester County Bar Association.



From left to right: Hon. Jeffrey Levin (immediate past president of the NRBA), Richard S. Vecchio (immediate past

*president of the WCBA), Hon. Linda S. Jamieson (current president of the WCBA) and Ronald V. Zezima (current president of the NRBA).*

## AROUND TOWN CONT.

New Rochelle is celebrating the success of our former resident, Mariano Rivera, being entered into the Baseball Hall of Fame this year with a parade in July.


Please print and post this flyer at your location so residents of New Rochelle are aware of the parade. People will be coming from all over and we want our residents to know about the parade first! We hope you can attend this celebration - there are details on the flyer below.

Also, there are sponsorship opportunities available that include 2 Yankee tickets and sitting in a reserved area the day of the parade that will help offset the cost of the parade. If you are interested in a \$500 sponsorship, please reach out to Jennifer Lanser, Executive Director of the New Rochelle Chamber of Commerce, [jlanser@newrochamber.org](mailto:jlanser@newrochamber.org).

## CORRECTIONS

The Editor offers his sincerest apologies to Herman Steinberg and any other parties whose names were misspelled in the previous issue.





New Rochelle invites you to a

★ **Parade & Rally** ★

Celebrating

**MARIANO RIVERA**

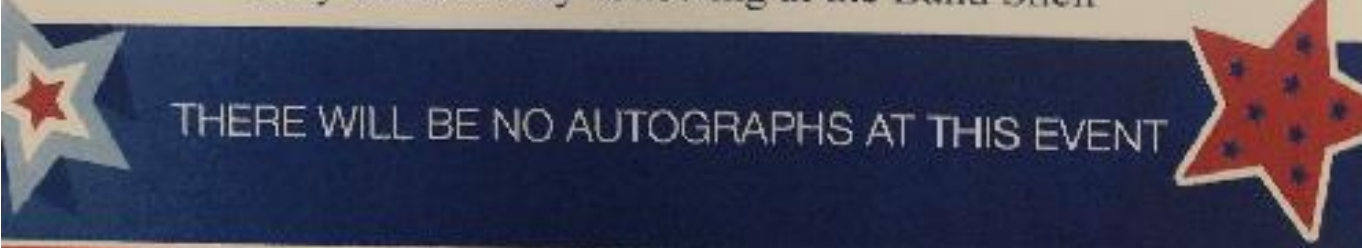
For his induction into the

**National Baseball Hall of Fame**

**Saturday, July 27, 2019**  
**10:00 AM**

Parade will begin at City Hall and end at Hudson Park  
 Rally immediately following at the Band Shell

THERE WILL BE NO AUTOGRAPHS AT THIS EVENT



## MEMBER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our warmest welcomes to the newest members of the NRBA: Stephen Arena, Esq., John Delehanty, Esq., Erica M. Fitzgerald, Esq., Afua Afriye-Fullwood, Esq., Catherine Massaregli, Thomas J. Ralph, Susan S. Weisman, Esq. Please make sure to say hello and make the new members feel welcome.



## UPCOMING EVENTS & CLEs

### September 2019

**Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>:** NRBA Installation of Officers and Board of Directors.

**Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>:** CLE Program TBD.

### October 2019

**Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>:** CLE Program TBD.

**Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>:** Judge's Night at Juliano's Caterers.

### November 2019

**Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>:** CLE Program TBD.

### December 2019

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>:** Annual Holiday Party, a joint party with the Mamaroneck-Harrison-Larchmont and Portchester-Rye Bar Associations to be held at the Surf Club.

The NRBA would encourage each of you to send us your suggestions for programs and speakers. Information regarding upcoming CLEs may be found in the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter

After each CLE the NRBA has continued to donate the surplus dinners to the Open Arms Men's Shelter in White Plains.

Expect to receive advance notices with particulars by e-mail of these and future CLEs. Information will also be posted at [www.nrbar.org](http://www.nrbar.org).

For information on and reservations for our CLEs, or suggestions for future CLE topics, please contact **Jeffrey L. Levin, Esq.** at [jeffrey.levin.law@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.levin.law@gmail.com)

OUR WEBSITE: [www.nrbar.org](http://www.nrbar.org)

With our website members can obtain information concerning our Bar, its activities, and general legal and community news. We welcome feedback. This Newsletter can be downloaded from our website. Thanks for helping keep NRBA green.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

For an up-to-date listing of scheduled events, including CLEs and dinner meetings, kindly view existing event postings on our website: [www.nrbar.org](http://www.nrbar.org).

For reservations for any of our upcoming dinners or events please contact Treasurer **Frank DiMarco, Esq.**, New Rochelle Bar Association, P.O. Box 1863, New Rochelle, NY 10802, [Franknr@aol.com](mailto:Franknr@aol.com)

### Getting Published

We welcome your submissions! All submissions should be sent to Artem Djukic, Editor, at [adjukic@estatelawny.com](mailto:adjukic@estatelawny.com). Please mark the subject as NRBA news. Articles between 500 to 1200 words should be sent in Word format. Photographs should be sent as jpeg attachments. Authors should include a short biographical statement with their articles, which must be spell checked, cite checked and in blue book form. Opinions expressed in any article printed in the NRBA newsletter are solely those of the author(s) and are not positions taken by the NRBA. Materials submitted allow NRBA limited copyright and full permission to reprint the article in the NRBA newsletter without additional consent.