

Message from the Editor



Dear fellow members: I hope everyone continues to be well and is able to obtain appointments to be vaccinated. Due to the reduction in events caused by the pandemic, we combined our Winter and Spring issues, and make this our first issue of 2021. The NRBA will continue to offer monthly CLEs via videoconference technology. For more information on upcoming CLEs please see our Upcoming Events section.

Additionally, as this is our Bar Association's centennial year of existence, a special set of clippings can be found with this issue that were recovered by Hon. Jeffrey Levin and Greg Varian.

Due to the difficult times that many around town are facing, the NRBA has increased the amount of donations from our annual dues and our treasury reserves, all made possible by the continued membership participation and payment of fees, including the members' generous donations.

The NRBA donated \$1,000 to the New Ro Runners Fundraiser. The NewRo Runners started as a community based organization with the purpose of changing the shape of the community – one mile at a time. Since the COVID-19 pandemic has devastated the world in so many ways, and many of us feel helpless as we absorb news of the increasing number of deaths and infected cases, of the shortage of much needed medical supplies, and admire the heroes on the front lines helping us through this

crisis, NewRo Runners coordinated the purchase of individually packaged healthy meals from local New Rochelle establishments and delivered them to health care professionals at local hospitals and healthy care facilities..

Furthermore, the Board decided to use part of this past years Annual Dues to support the following organizations:

- The New Rochelle Public Library Foundation \$500.00
- Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle - \$1,000.00
- The Guidance Center of Westchester - \$500.00
- Song Catchers Inc. - \$250.00
- Meals on Wheels of New Rochelle - \$500.00
- Hope Community Services - \$500.00
- Hudson Valley Legal Services - \$500.00

I look forward to seeing you all the next event, which will be our first in person event of the year, the Annual Meeting Picnic. The Picnic will be held at D'Onofrio Field Pavilion, New Rochelle, NY, on June 17th at 5 p.m. Please stay well and safe.

Sincerely,

Artem Djukic



New York Power of Attorney Reform Bill

By: Perry M. Ochacher

On December 15, 2020, Governor Cuomo signed into law S.3923/A.5630, a bill to reform the statutory short form and other powers of attorney

for purposes of financial and estate planning, as Chapter 323 of the Laws of 2020.

As we first reported, the new law: 1) simplifies the current power of attorney form; 2) allows for substantially conforming language; 3) provides safe-harbor provisions for those who, in good faith, accept an acknowledged power of attorney without actual knowledge that the signature is not genuine; and 4) allows damages to be recovered against those who unreasonably refuse to accept a valid power of attorney. The new law goes into effect on June 13, 2021. Prior to that time, the “old” statutory short form power of attorney will remain valid, as the legal profession transitions to the new statutory form.

In January 2021, the original bill sponsors, Senator Brad Hoylman (D-Manhattan) and Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein (D-Brooklyn) introduced S.888/A.2353, as a “chapter amendment” to the recently-enacted 2020 law. A chapter amendment is essentially a legislative deal by the Governor, Senate and Assembly that a subsequent bill will be passed modifying the original bill language in some agreed-upon way, because the only other option for the Governor if he is not in complete agreement with bill language placed in front of him is to veto it.

In this instance, the present chapter amendment (S.888/A.2353) amends the underlying chapter (Ch.323 of 2020) by adding a requirement that two disinterested witnesses sign the power of attorney form, and including other technical changes to the new statutory short form sections relating to the designation of multiple agents. You can read the chapter amendment by going to this link:

https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&leg_vide_o=&bn=A02353&term=&Summary=Y&Text=Y

UPDATE: The full Assembly passed the chapter amendment on March 10. The bill was sent to the governor for his final consideration, and was signed on March 25, ensuring that the new power of attorney law will go into effect on June 13, 2021.



Trust and Estate Corner

By: Artem Djukic

Allow this to serve as a friendly reminder to ensure your estate planning documents are up to date. A study conducted by caring.com indicates that approximate 2 out of 3 Adult Americans do not have a Last Will and Testament. Most people probably don't realize this is the case, except when it makes the front page of the news upon the death of a celebrity. Recently, Earl Simmons, also known as DMX, a well known rapper who was born in Mt. Vernon, and resided in Yonkers, died on April 9, 2021 intestate (without a will).

DMX joins such notable celebrities such as: Michael Jackson, Pablo Picasso, Aretha Franklin, Prince and Jimi Hendrix, who all died without a will. As most of us may recall from law school, a will sets the necessary clarity for the legal descendants to rightly inherit the holdings of the deceased. Without the will, under New York Law (EPTL 4-1.1) the estate will of the decedent will be distributed as follows:

If a decedent is survived by:

- (1) A spouse and issue, fifty thousand dollars and one-half of the residue to the spouse, and the balance thereof to the issue by representation.
- (2) A spouse and no issue, the whole to the spouse.
- (3) Issue and no spouse, the whole to the issue, by representation.
- (4) One or both parents, and no spouse and no issue, the whole to the surviving parent or parents.
- (5) Issue of parents, and no spouse, issue or parent, the whole to the issue of the parents, by representation.
- (6) One or more grandparents or the issue of grandparents (as hereinafter defined), and no spouse, issue, parent or issue of parents, one-half to the surviving paternal grandparent or grandparents, or if neither of them survives the decedent, to their issue, by representation, and the other one-half to the surviving maternal grandparent or grandparents, or if neither of them survives the decedent,

to their issue, by representation; provided that if the decedent was not survived by a grandparent or grandparents on one side or by the issue of such grandparents, the whole to the surviving grandparent or grandparents on the other side, or if neither of them survives the decedent, to their issue, by representation, in the same manner as the one-half. For the purposes of this subparagraph, issue of grandparents shall not include issue more remote than grandchildren of such grandparents.

(7) Great-grandchildren of grandparents, and no spouse, issue, parent, issue of parents, grandparent, children of grandparents or grandchildren of grandparents, one-half to the great-grandchildren of the paternal grandparents, per capita, and the other one-half to the great-grandchildren of the maternal grandparents, per capita; provided that if the decedent was not survived by great-grandchildren of grandparents on one side, the whole to the great-grandchildren of grandparents on the other side, in the same manner as the one-half.

Therefore, in order to avoid this default distribution of assets, one should prepare a properly executed Last Will and Testament, by contacting a knowledgeable estate planning attorney.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS REMINDER

The NRBA membership is from January 1st through December 31st 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 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. The office measures 10’ x 14’, is airy and has a large, south-facing window, has access to a conference room with copier, has lots of file storage space available, is located in a large business building with many other lawyers, in downtown New Rochelle near trains and parking, and is offered at a very reasonable monthly rental. For further information please contact Richard Sosis at drlaw41@verizon.net.

CENTENIAL ANNIVERSARY

By Hon. Jeffrey Levin

Greg Varian proclaimed in a note to the NRBA officers and directors, "It's official...This is our 101st year!" Larry Sheldon, the Adult Services Librarian at the New Rochelle Public Library, responded to David Lacher and Greg Varian's research request with a cache of 21 clippings about the NRBA from the Standard Star.

Former NRBA president Varian found the articles to be an amazing read. He noted and found it interesting that from its beginnings the NRBA included women lawyers. At least two women were organizers and directors of the NRBA. Miss Anna Schuman was a member of the first board of directors in 1930.

Past president Ron Zezima thought that it was "very interesting that the old newspaper articles said that the NRBA was actually founded in 1920, disbanded 2 years later because of lack of activity, then re-established in 1930." Mr. Zezima concluded, "So it is accurate to say that the NRBA was actually founded in 1920."

The Standard Star articles are an excellent source of information about the NRBA. This year is the 91st anniversary of the NRBA and the 100th or 101th anniversary of the founding of an organized bar association in New Rochelle. As stated by Mr. Zezima the first bar association existed for only two years. The bar association was resurrected and reconstituted in 1930, so the NRBA roots go back to 1920 or 1921 with the current NRBA existing and meeting since 1930.

It was interesting to read that the NRBA's activities have been consistent through the years. The NRBA as early as the 1930s was meeting for approximately five meetings and dinners each year. The dinners, then as now, featured distinguished speakers. The 1950 dinner guest speaker was Justice Ferdinand Pecora.

The early NRBA also proposed and advocated for legislation at the State and local level. The organization may have been politically partisan in

its earlier days. As previously noted, at least two women attorneys were involved with the founding of the NRBA.

One activity from 1950 that may interest the current members of the NRBA was a NRBA sponsored journey to the United States Supreme Court for a group admissions ceremony into the Supreme Court Bar; an activity that the Board of Directors is looking into repeating.

The 50th Anniversary Dinner in 1983 included a talk about the history of the NRBA and the prior New Rochelle bar association. At the 1983 dinner Judge Richard Molea (a former NRBA president) spoke, as did the then president Dennis Gallagher about the founding NRBA.

As we move ahead this year with the Centennial Project many of our members may find that they possess memorabilia that can be used to further document the bar association's history.

Warren Agatston, Greg Varian and other volunteers are exploring creating an oral history of the NRBA. They will be looking for candidates to interview. If you are a walking repository of NRBA lore you will have the opportunity to contribute to the oral history project. Please contact them and the NRBA if you want to be a part of the Centennial celebration.

Stay safe and healthy.

Hon. Jeffrey Levin



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New Rochelle Lawyers
 Elect Officers for New
 Organization

OPPOSITION TICKET

Successful in Electing One
 Director—Membership
 Now Totals 70

Judge Samuel F. Swinburne was
 elected president of the New Rochelle
 Bar Association at a dinner meeting
 of the organization last night at
 Grab's restaurant.

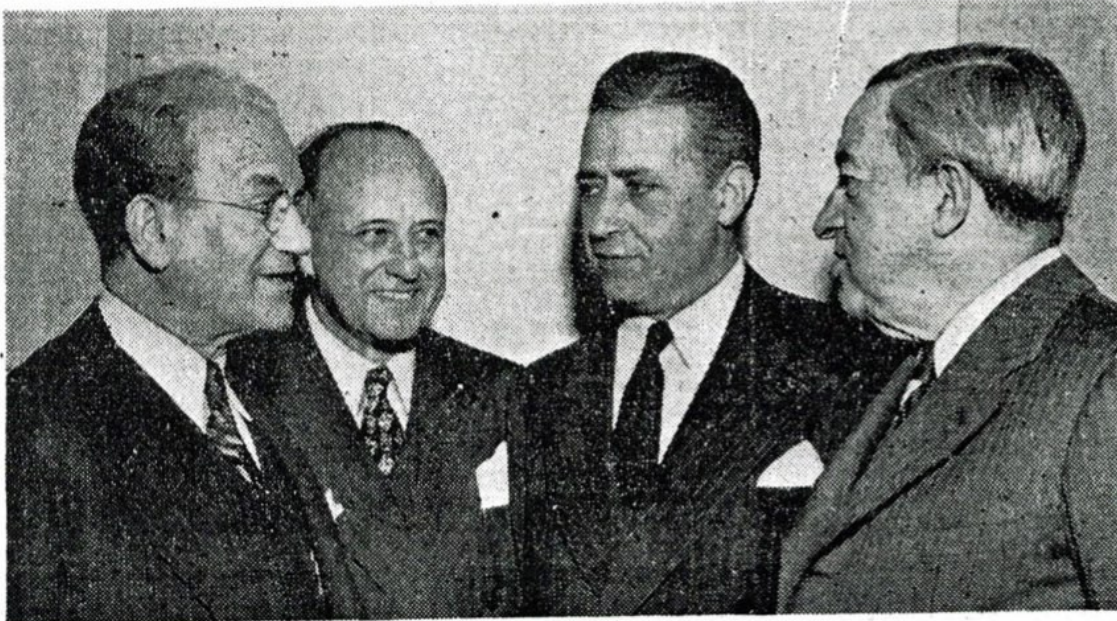
Other officers selected were May-
 or Walter G. C. Otto, vice president;
 Col. John H. McCormick, Jr., secre-
 tary; and Leo Ferrara, treasurer.

The meeting was a spirited one, the
 report of the nominating committee,
 headed by Leo Ferrara, being oppos-
 ed by a group headed by Frank V.
 Farrell, Joseph J. Mancusi and An-
 thony Mazzarella.

Opposition Ticket Received

McCormick as chairman, at-
 tempted to prevent the consideration
 of the list of nominations presented
 by the oppositon group and after
 considerable debate the report of the
 regular nominating committee and
 that of the oppositon party were re-
 ceived for consideration.

All major offices were filled by
 men suggested by the regular com-
 mittee. The oppositon succeeded in
 securing one director, Miss Anne
 Schulman who was elected for one
 year in place of Sol Rubin whose
 name was presented by the regular
 committee.



A ONE-TIME famous prosecutor chats with Westchester's new one, above, at the annual dinner and election of the New Rochelle Bar Association. In

the huddle are Supreme Court Judge Ferdinand Pecora, retiring Bar Association President Abraham I. Menin, District Attorney and Bar Association

President George M. Fanelli, and Edward A. Conger, U. S. Judge of the Southern District of New York.

—Staff Photo

BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTS FANELLI

Judge Pecora Urges Group To Help in Solution of Peace Problems

District Attorney George M. Fanelli, first native New Rochellean to become chief County prosecutor, was elected president of the New Rochelle Bar Association last night at the annual dinner meeting at Wykagyl Country Club. He was felicitated by Supreme Court Judge Lee Parsons Davis as having all the attributes of a good District Attorney and then inducted.

Mr. Fanelli took office before Supreme Court Judge Ferdinand Pecora, of New York County, and one of the U. S. Judges in the Southern District of New York, Edward A. Conger of Poughkeepsie. Both jurists, guests of retiring president Abraham I. Menin, made short addresses of reminiscence. Judge Pecora sounded a patriotic note, warning his audience to give freely of time and thought toward solution of world problems.

Judge Davis also installed other

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THE STANDARD-STAR, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1950

Bar Association Here Stages Annual Dinner; 90 Attend

More than 90 members and guests of the New Rochelle Bar Association attended its 17th annual dinner meeting last night at Cesario's Wykagyl Grill.

Francis S. Claps, president, presided at the informal meeting, at which the only business conducted was appointment of the nominating committee to choose candidates for posts next year.

Named to the committee were former Acting City Judge Richard Leo Fallon, George E. Galgano Jr., Murray C. Fuerst, Morris Block and Christopher J. Murphy.

Members of the judiciary who gave short informal talks were Official Referees J. Addison

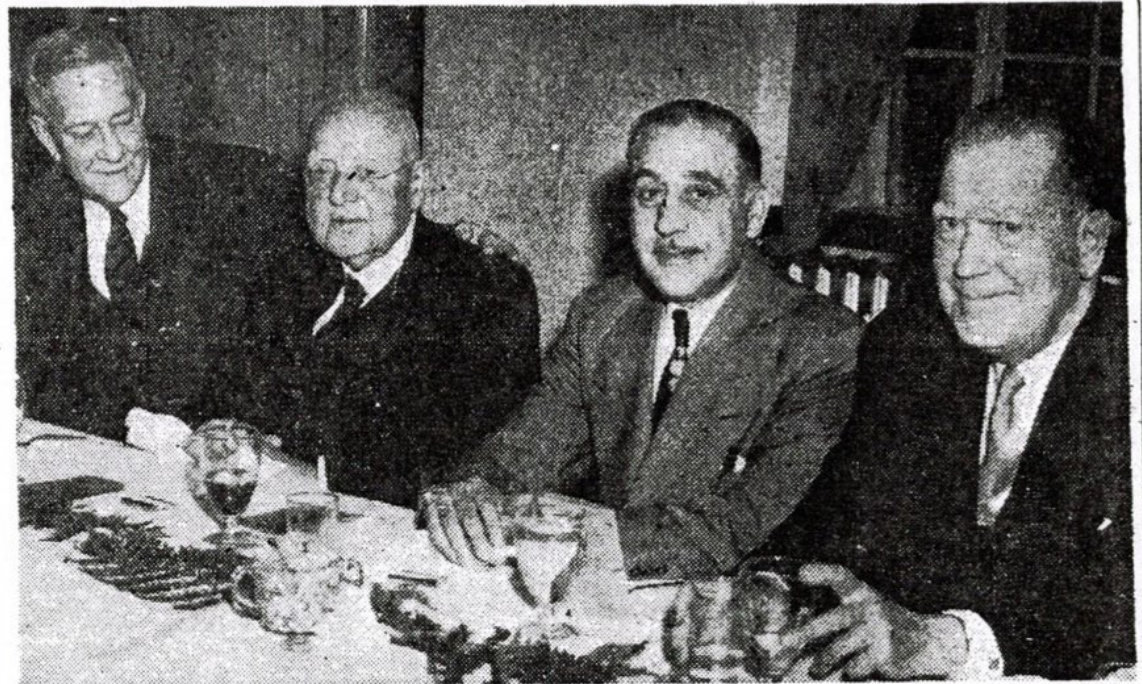
Young and George H. Taylor Jr., Surrogate Charles H. Griffiths, Supreme Court Justice Lee Parsons Davis and Robert Doscher, Supreme Court Justice-elect.

Acting City Judge Sol Rubin, whose term expires at the end of the month, and his successor, Edward K. Kennedy, were introduced but did not speak, following the association rule that "our City Judges should be seen and not heard."

Mr. Claps congratulated Mr. Kennedy and offered him the assistance and cooperation of the bar association in his new duties.

Other guests present were State Comptroller-elect J. Raymond McGovern, Hamilton McInnes, chairman of Selective Service Board 9, and John Whitely, clerk of Special Term in Supreme Court. Absent judges from the district, including City Judge Thomas N. Fassio, sent word they would not be able to attend the affair.

Mr. Galgano and Oscar J. Greene were cochairmen of the dinner.



AMONG more than 90 members and guests present at the Bar Association meeting last night were, left to right, Su-

preme Court Justice Lee Parsons Davis, Official Referee J. Addison Young, Association President Francis S. Claps and Sur-

rogate Charles H. Griffiths. (Other picture on Page 1.)

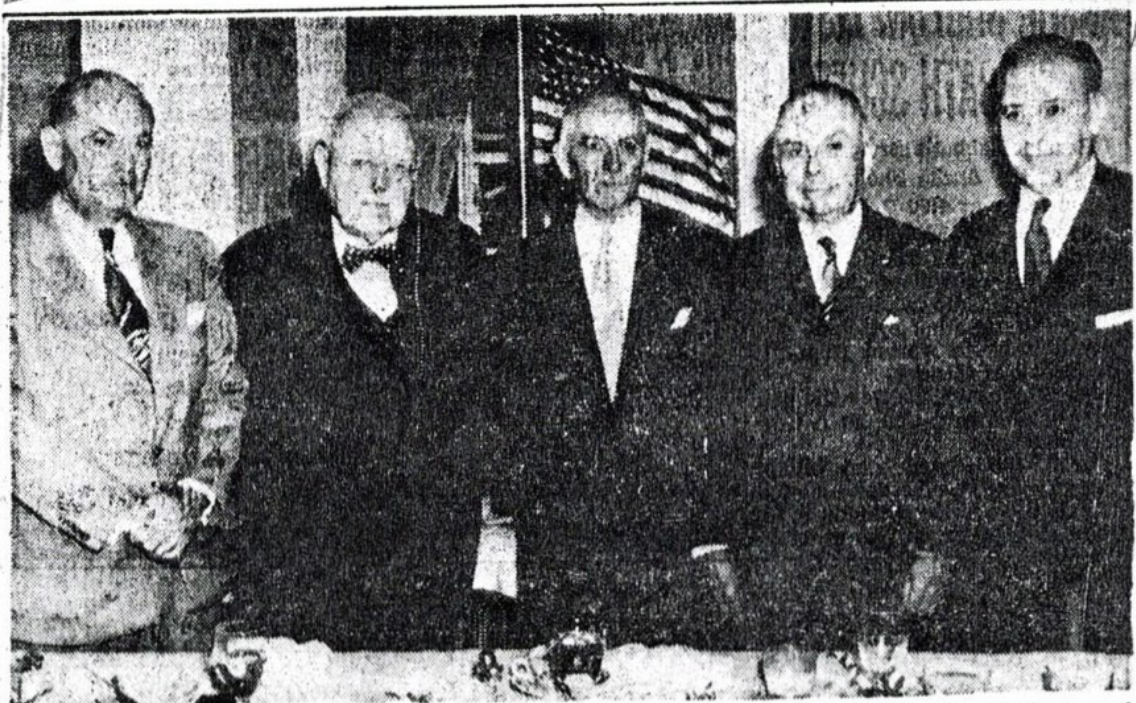
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Bar Association

THE STANDARD-STAR, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., FRIDAY, OCTOBER



SPEAKERS table at the dinner meeting of the New Rochelle Bar Association last night included, left to right, Paul Bleakley, president of the Westchester County Bar Association; Official Referee J. Addison Young, William L. Moran, New Rochelle's president; Official Referee Frederick P. Close, speaker of the evening, and George M. Fanelli, District Attorney. —Staff Photo

Close, Honored By Bar Here, Urges Legal Unit To Aid Poor

Tribute was paid to Frederick H. Close, who will retire as Official Referee of the Supreme Court on Dec. 31, by 40 members of the New Rochelle Bar Association at a dinner meeting last night in Cesario's Wykagyl Grill.

Judge Close, speaking briefly, urged the New Rochelle Association's support of a legal committee or group in Westchester County similar to the Legal Aid Society of New York City.

"There is an urgent need here for such a group. People with no means need legal advice and have no place to go. True, a few attorneys do give their services but there is no one place that the poor can go."

Judge Close suggested that a society be established, sponsored and maintained by all bar associations in the county and by the County Association. Lawyers would be assigned with stenographic help and the entire project should be supported by the bar and by the public at large.

"There is nothing so important as the fact that the poor, the down trodden, receive justice. If this fails," he stressed, "the keystone of the arch of our democratic government crumbles".

Judge Close was introduced by

Official Referee J. Addison Young who outlined the retiring referee's 25 years of judicial service climaxed with his position as Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Supreme Court.

President William L. Moran introduced special guests including Paul Bleakley, president of the Westchester County Bar Association; District Attorney George M. Fanelli; former Acting City Judges Jacob S. Ruskin, George J. Russo and Richard Leo Fallon, and former Police Justice Vincent De Paul Crennan.

New Rochelle Bar Association Elects Leo Ferrara President

Leo Ferrara was elected president of the New Rochelle Bar Association to succeed Joseph J. Mancusi at the regular meeting of the organization at City Court last night.

Other officers named were Herman L. Falk, vice president; Francis S. Claps, secretary and Christopher J. Murphy, treasurer. Directors named were Mr. Mancusi, Henry F. Gannon and Richard Leo Fallon. They will serve with six hold-over members of the board.

Judge Fallon submitted to the association a report of a special committee recommending a full-time City Judge at a salary of \$8,500, which was tabled for the present after lengthy and detailed discussion. Portions of Judge Fallon's report recommending certain procedure changes were accepted.

In a speech accepting the presidency, Mr. Ferrara said, "It will be my aim to cultivate the noble and lofty traditions of the New Rochelle Bar Association which have been handed down by my predecessors during the past 20 years."

Mr. Ferrara said that while American men are fighting on the far-flung battlefronts of the world, it is the duty of those at home to keep the home front.

"Lawyers are peculiarly fitted

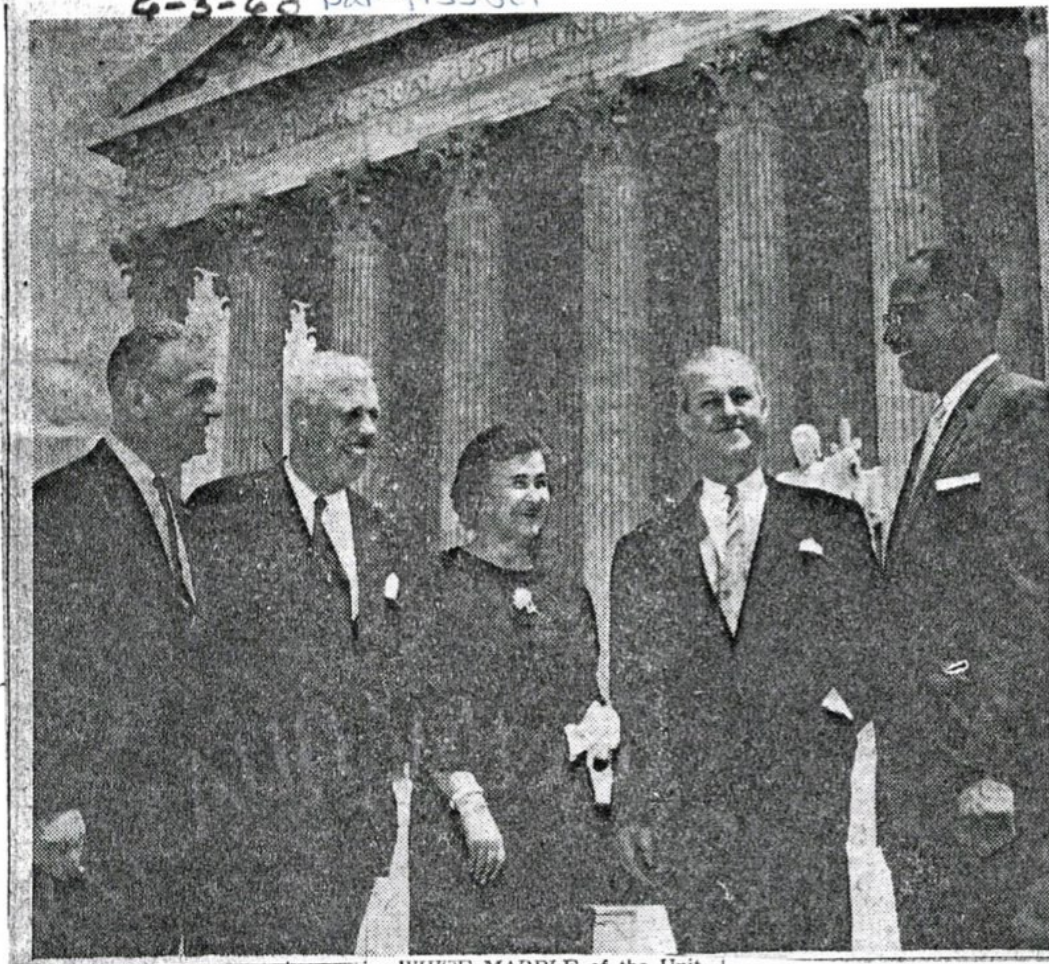


LEO FERRARA

and trained to understand problems of government," Mr. Ferrara said. "We shall be ever on the offensive to prevent those from within who would seek to destroy the framework of the government established by our forefathers. We must halt those officials who seek to rule by a 'government of men' in place of a 'government of laws'."

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WHITE MARBLE of the United States Supreme Court is silhouetted behind five members of the New Rochelle Bar Association in Washington where 43 association members were admitted to practice before the court Tuesday. Pictured left to right are Morris Block, association vice president, one of those admitted; former Acting City Judge Edward K. Kennedy, association president; Miss Margaret O'Brien, the only woman in the group admitted; James R. Rooney, chairman, who presented the New Rochelle group to the court; and Daniel Boddie of the City Court staff, also admitted. It was the first mass admission in the association's history.

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Bar to install ~~NR - 11-11-77 - NR BAR ASSOC~~ new officers

Richard A. Moley will be installed along with the rest of the 1977-78 slate of officers of the New Rochelle Bar Association Wednesday at the group's dinner meeting at Enzelio's Restaurant, 1279 North Ave.

Besides Moley the officers will be Robert C. Olman, vice president; Douglas R. Hoyt, secretary; and Vincent P. Nesci, treasurer. Directors installed will be John A. Geoghegan, Denis Timone, Barry Marcus, and H. Hawrthorne Harris.

City Judge Ben Memmelstein will be the installing officer and will address the group on the new State Office of Court Administration.

Cocktails will be at 6 followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Moley is an assistant district attorney of Westchester County and deputy chief of the local court bureau. He is former assistant court clerk of New Rochelle. A graduate of New York Law School and Iona College, he is a past president of the New Rochelle Jaycees, is a member of the Board of Directors of the



RICHARD MOLEY

Criminal Justice Section of the Westchester County Bar Association and the Nature Study Woods Homeowners' Association. He is a member of the Holy Family Men's Club.

The son of Mrs. Anthony Moley of 2 Cleveland Court, and the late Mr. Moley, he resides at 60 Interlaken Ave., with his wife, Virginia, and their three children.

AROUND TOWN

The NYS Unified Court System has launched the Presumptive ADR Program, an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) initiative, which will expand existing ADR programs and develop appropriate dispute resolution programs in a broad range of civil cases statewide.

These programs will address various case types and will be implemented systemwide. Some programs will rely on the existing network of ADR programs while others will seek to develop or expand rosters of neutrals who meet the requirements of Part 146 of the Rules of the Chief Administrative Judge. Courts may be seeking neutrals for assistance in areas that may include matrimonial and family law, personal injury, trusts and estates and commercial matters.

The court system is seeking to improve diversity in the court rosters and increase outreach in all judicial districts. The Network of Bar Leaders is in a unique position to help promote ADR practitioners through this recruitment tool.

The Court encouraged prospective neutrals to submit their information by completing and submitting the online form at this link: <https://forms.gle/SqnP8AG8irbfqt2a9> (original requirement indicated submission to be provided by on or before March 20, 2020, however the link is still active) so that it can be aggregated and provided to the court system to make outreach more efficient when the time comes.

Jim Generoso, who was the Manager of Court Agency, NY State, for the past 48 years, has retired. To commemorate the occasion, the NRBA presented Jim with a token in honor of his retirement and received the following note back from Jim which we want to share with all of you:

“Please accept my thanks for the beautiful gift. It is already prominently displayed in my new living room. It was most thoughtful and meaningful;

especially being presented by one of the finest groups of attorneys that practices in our courts. Your support of our City Court, particularly with Small Claims over the many years, has meant a great deal to our efficient operation in an effort to expeditiously serve our citizens. I will truly miss the daily interaction with such an outstanding group of professionals. THANKS AGAIN! Appreciatively, JIM GENEROSO”



MEMBER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our sincerest condolences go out to the family of Judge Preston ‘Sandy’ Scher. A former Chief City Court Judge and Deputy Mayor in New Rochelle who died at the age of 81 in Westchester on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021.

Our sincerest condolences also go out to the family of Court of Appeals Associate Judge Paul G. Feinman, who died on March 31, 2021. Judge Feinman was appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo to the Appellate Division, First Department, in 2021, and to the Court of Appeals in 2017.

Our sincerest condolences to the family of Pound Ridge Town Justice Ira S. Clair, who died at the age of 67 on January 12, 2021. Judge Clair resided in New Rochelle for decades before moving to Pound Ridge. He presented several CLE’s for the NRBA in the area of Foreclosures and Landlord/Tenant Law.



Milton Kreppel and Julie Kattan are delighted to announce that they have become grandparents for the fifth time! Julie's daughter, Amy Michelson, gave birth to a girl on Thursday, December 31st, at 2:00 p.m. Lia Emily arrived weighing 8 pounds and 1 ounce and was 20.5 inches tall. Mom, dad, and daughter are doing well. They reside in Jersey City.

CLE UPDATE

By: Hon. Jeffrey Levin

During these difficult times of the Covid pandemic the NRBA has continued to offer CLE programs to its membership. Zoom CLEs have replaced live in person CLEs for the duration of the Covid pandemic. NRBA Zoom Master Artem Djukic's contributions have been invaluable. The NRBA has been fortunate to have the benefit of Artem's assistance. Without him, I am not sure that the NRBA CLE programs would have been able to transition so quickly and smoothly to the Zoom format. The NRBA leadership and the CLE coordinators are grateful for his efforts.

The next Zoom CLE will be presented on June 15th at 6:00 p.m. the speakers will be David Lacher, Esq. and Perry M. Ochacher, who will be speaking about the new Power of Attorney form which goes into effect on June 13th.

Our previous CLEs, included our May 13, 2021, Diversity credit CLE presented by Justice Tanya R. Kennedy, Appellate Division, 1st Department, the guest CLE presenter, along with Ronald V. Zezima, Esq., the Immediate Past President of the NRBA. The presentation focused on Critical Race Theory: A Path to Diversity.



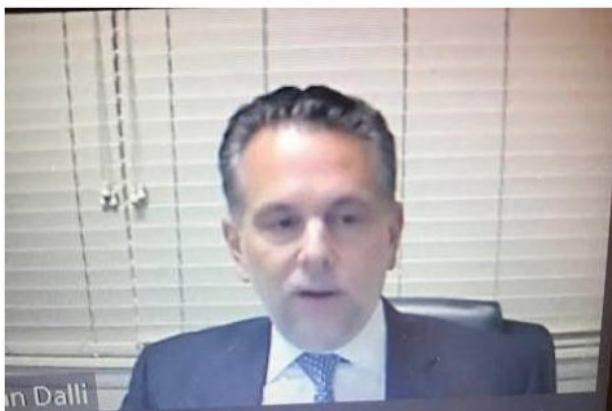
On April 29, 2021, Alan Lewis presented on the Fundamentals of Criminal Practice and Procedure: The Life Cycle of a Criminal Case in State Court, including the Impact of Recent Legislative Amendments.



Thursday, March 18, 2021 the New Rochelle Building Department Deputy Commissioner Paul Vacca appeared with past NRBA president Greg Varian and engaged in a discussion regarding the current state of the operations of the Building Department and the implementation of its codes, rules and regulations, including a discussion on navigating the building and renovation process during Covid.



The February CLE presentation was another incredibly informative presentation by John Dalli, Esq., on nursing home and assisted living residences liability and litigation resulting from the Covid pandemic, which was our April CLE. Though the presentation was about liability and litigation, it fits into the broader category of consumer protection, protecting and advocating for the safety and well-being of the elderly. Mr. Dalli's last CLE presentation for the NRBA emphasized nursing homes and assisted living residences' exposure to liability for the care of their patients. His discussion regarding liability for bed sores was particularly informative and I found it useful regarding the care for my mother. Mr. Dalli is a partner with the law firm Dalli & Marino LLP located at 231 Mineola Boulevard, Ste 1, Mineola, New York 11501. His telephone number is 516-241-1560 and his e-mail address is jdalli@dallimarino.com.



On January 13, 2021, Deborah A. Scalise, Esq. presented an Ethics Update for 2021: Hot Topics in Ethics and Professionalism.

The NRBA has applied to the NYS Continuing Legal Education Board for the renewal of its status as a CLE accredited provider. The CLE Accredited Provider status is required to be renewed every third year. During the Covid impacted year of 2020 the NRBA provided its members with 8 CLEs. Two were the traditional live presentations at City Hall and 6 were Zoom presentations. In 2019 there were 10 CLE programs presented and in 2018 there were 12. The NRBA CLEs average 50 attorneys attending the CLEs and receiving a certificate. This is a remarkable achievement for a small bar association. Even more so in that the CLE programs are organized and presented by attorneys volunteering their time. Time that could be spent in their offices or in their homes. The CLE programs are included for free with the NRBA members' annual membership. If you have not already renewed your membership, please renew now. The annual NRBA dues in its Centennial Year are only \$100.



UPCOMING EVENTS & CLEs

(Mark Your Calendars!)

CLEs will continue to be presented
virtually via Zoom until we can
resume meeting in person

June 2021:

June 15th at 6 p.m., Virtual CLE via Zoom, speaker David Lacher and Perry M. Ochacher, on the new Power of Attorney form, going into effect June 13th.

June 17, 2021: Annual Meeting & Picnic: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at D'Onofrio Pavilion. Free to all paid members. \$10 for guests.

July 2021:

Virtual CLE via Zoom, speaker TBD

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.

Expect to receive advance notices with particulars by e-mail of these and future CLEs. Information will also be posted at 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

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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

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