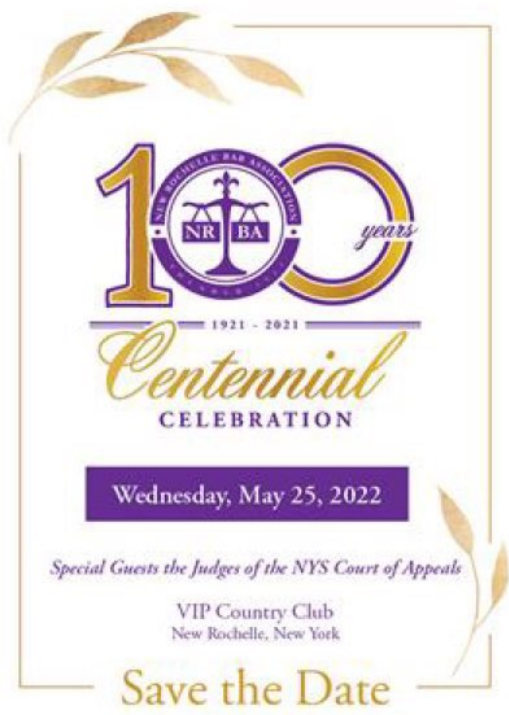


100th Centennial Celebration

Dear Members,

Please mark your calendars for May 25th, 2022. Please complete the subscription agreement on pages 5-7 (or visit the NRBA website) if you are interested in purchasing an ad in the Journal for this premier event.



We look forward to finally celebrating in style in 2022 with a Centennial Celebration welcoming back our special guests, the Judges of the New York State Court of Appeals. This Celebration will take place on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at the VIP Club. The outdoor and indoor space has been enhanced and will offer the perfect setting for our first event in over two years!

Please make sure to renew information and your Membership (if you haven't done so already) on the NRBA website by March 31, 2022, in order to have your contact information included in the Journal which will also be our new directory.

Very truly yours,

Artem Djukic,

Editor and Vice President NRBA



Trust and Estate Corner

By: Daniel Ronan, Esq.

ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION UPDATES

<u>NYS</u>		
April 1, 2014		2.062 Million
April1, 2015		3.125 Million
April 1, 2016		4.1875
April 1, 2017		5.25
January 1, 2019		5.74
January 1, 2020		5.85
January 1, 2021		5.93
January 1, 2022		6.11
<u>Federal</u>		
2004-05		1.5
2006-08		2.0
2009		3.5

2010-11 (unless elected repeal)	5.0
2012	5.12
2013	5.25
2014	5.34
January 1, 2015	5.43
January 1, 2016	5.45
January 1, 2017	5.49
January 1, 2018	11.18
January 1, 2019	11.40
January 1, 2020	11.58
January 1, 2021	11.70
January 1, 2022	12.06

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Inflation adjustments continue to affect the threshold amount.

Coop transfer agents are still likely to require an ET-117 and potentially a Federal Waiver.

Often times, if the Executor of an estate, or the heirs at law, are selling real property, the title company will accept an affidavit that the aggregate estate is less than the threshold amount in lieu of requiring a NYS Release of Lien (ET-117) or a Federal Waiver of Estate tax lien.



Governor Hochul Proposes “Equity-Based” FY2023 Budget that will Impact the Legal Profession

By Perry M. Ochacher

On January 18, 2022, Governor Kathy Hochul, assuming office after a 10 year reign by Governor Andrew Cuomo, presented her first state budget to the legislature. The governor’s initial budget

proposal is significant because New York’s strong executive budget system, adopted by voters in 1927, is unbalanced by design. What the governor therefore proposes in her budget is important because it often sets the tone for the various policy initiatives the legislature will consider before the budget is passed by its statutory deadline of March 30, and often for the duration of the legislative session as well (which is scheduled to adjourn this year on June 2). In this year’s proposed FY2023 Executive Budget, there are many proposals impacting the legal profession, and they can be summed up in one word: equity.

While it is beyond the scope of this article to discuss the differences between equality and equity as a desirable social goal, New York’s proposed FY 2023 executive budget falls squarely on the side of equity, and this will create both opportunities and responsibilities for lawyers practicing in New York.

In addition to funding the judiciary and court system, the executive budget, through various “Article VII” bills, also contains many substantive policy recommendations and draft statutory proposals that often, quite frankly, are not directly related to any appropriations, but are nonetheless linked to the appropriations portions of the budget for purposes of political leverage (and that leverage is most decidedly tilted in favor of the executive).

In her proposed FY 2023 budget (again, it is a proposed budget because it must be negotiated and adopted by the legislature), the governor seeks to ‘advance New York’s place as a national equity model.’ To do this, she is proposing policy changes in many areas of existing law, as well as entirely new programs and initiatives.

To advance her “national equity model” Governor Hochul has proposed the following as part of her 2023 budget initiative:

- Create a state Council on Gender Equality;
- Pass an Equal Rights Amendment;
- Bolster the state’s anti-discrimination laws;

- Promote equity and economic justice in the cannabis industry;
- Build on New York's support for Minority and Women-Owned (MWBE) businesses;
- Adopt additional protections to protect New York's LGBTQIA community;
- Strengthen immigrant services; and
- Boost local veterans programs.

These proposals (and many more) will be included directly in the budget either through current appropriations and Article VII bills, amendments to those bills (which will be released on February 8 and 17), or by individual bills introduced and considered outside of the budget process.

All of these initiatives will create opportunities for attorneys representing clients who may be the beneficiaries of these new programs and laws. As the state budget process unfolds over the next two months, the New Rochelle Bar Association will continue to monitor and report to its membership on how these proposals, once enacted into law, may present such new practice opportunities for the bar.



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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.

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MEMBER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS

We extend our warmest welcomes to the newest members of the NRBA:

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Erica Aisner - 1/25/22

Steven Sonet- 2/10/22

Erica Sattler - 2/15/22

Matthew Costa - 2/17/22

Dawn Kirby - 2/18/22

Robert L. Picone - 2/23/22

Michael J. Segreto - 2/24/22

Cristina T. Hall - 3/4/22

Please make sure to say hello and make the new members feel welcome.

Our sincerest condolences go out to the family of fellow member Sheila Small, whose mother, Nannie E. Bryant, passed away on February 24, 2022; and to the family of fellow member Daniel Ronan, whose sister in law, Elizabeth Gordon Gorski, passed away on March 1, 2022.



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NRBA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB AND LAWYERS IN THE CLASSROOM UPDATE

NRBA LAW CLUB at the BOYS & GIRLS CLUB: Attorneys from the NRBA are coaching 12 members of the New Rochelle Boys & Girls Club in preparation for a mock trial competition which will take place in late May. The students, all 16 and 17 year old from New Rochelle High School, are enthusiastic and engaged. The winning team will receive a cash prize to be awarded by the Boys & Girls Club.

LAWYER IN THE CLASSROOM: After a two year hiatus due to COVID 19, we are pleased to announce the resumption of our award-winning Lawyer in the Classroom program, which will take place throughout the 5th grade sections in the New Rochelle elementary schools during the month of May. This program is always enthusiastically received by the school administrators, teachers and students. If you are interested in volunteering and haven't yet done so, contact V.P. David Lacher 914-355-5900. An orientation including a 2 credit CLE will take place in late April for volunteers.

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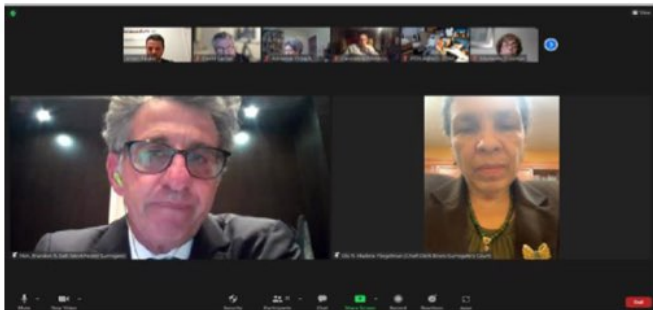
The New Rochelle Public Library is having its anniversary celebration on May 12th, celebrating the 2022 Guardian Award recipients and the Gala Honorees.



CLE UPDATE

The NRBA will continue to provide free Zoom CLE's to all members on a monthly basis.

On Thursday January 13, 2022, we held our annual State of the Surrogate, which was presented by the Hon. Brandon R. Sall, Surrogate Westchester and Elix R. Madera-Fliegelman, Bronx Chief Clerk via Zoom.



On January 20, 2022, we held a further virtual CLE, on Commercial Leasing 2022 Update on the Moratorium on Evictions presented by Jeffrey Margolis, Esq., and Michael Levy, Esq.,



The February 17, 2022, CLE was presented by ERICA R. AISNER, ESQ. & DAWN KIRBY, ESQ., of KIRBY AISNER & CURLEY LLP.



UPCOMING EVENTS & CLEs

(Mark Your Calendars!)

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

March 17, 2022: Virtual CLE via Zoom, speaker ETHICS CLE, presented by Richard Grayson and Norma Lopez.

April 2022: Virtual CLE via Zoom, speaker TBD

May 2022: Centennial and Court of Appeals Dinner, Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

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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