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Mercer County 2014 Law Day



The Mercer Vicinage of the Superior Court and the Superior Court Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns in partnership with the Mercer County Bar Association is pleased to announce this year's Mercer County Law Day Events.

This year's theme is American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters.

May 5th School Election Law Presentations

Teams including a Judge, a Law Clerk, a Prosecutor and an Attorney will be visiting our schools on May 5th to share this year's theme with a focus on Election Law Education.

After the middle school presentations, the teams are invited to a luncheon at the New Criminal Courthouse to share their experiences. We will also be presenting the 2014 Mock Trial Awards to Stuart Day School.

May 13th: 2.0 CLE Seminar on Election Law

The Honorable Linda Feinberg, (ret.) and Donna Kelly, Esq., from the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General will be leading a panel discussion on Election Law including Election Fundamentals, Requirements, Recounts and Contests.



First Grade Art Contest

Our county's elementary schools are invited to participate in our Law Day First Grade Art Contest. First, second and third places winners will receive funding for a \$100 United States Treasury Savings Bond and a display of all the art work will be on view on May 5th.

Thank you for your support for Mercer County's 2014 Law Day Celebration! If you have any questions about our Law Day, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the other Law Day Committee Members.

Sincerely, Chrissy Brennan

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Featuring

“Unchained Memories”

*By: Maria Imbalzano, Esq.
and*

“Courage to Climb”

By Sherry Shoemaker

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

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5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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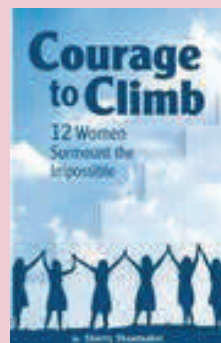
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FAMILY BENCH BAR MEETING

Jennifer Zoschak, Esq.

A Bench Bar meeting which included 1.5 credits for current MCBA members was held on Thursday, February 27, 2014 in the Jury Room. Before Judge Fitzpatrick and Judge Warshaw educated the members on updates and important recent decisions in the area of Domestic Violence Judge Fitzpatrick announced that the Court has been contacted by UIH Family Partners, a Trenton-based organization which provides resources and services to men in the community. Programs include job interview training, resume writing, computer skills, GED preparation and a *Dress to Impress* program where members can receive donated business attire in advance of job interviews. Donations of new and cleaned gently used men's business clothes are being accepted at 4 North Broad Street, Trenton, and also at the Mercer County Bar Association.

Family Partners also offers a program in anger management and parenting classes and they are working on becoming certified so that these programs meet the standards for Court-appointed programs.

Although our E.S.P. program has been successful in resolving many cases before the costs of trial are incurred, attorneys continue to neglect their obligation to provide case memos and C.I.S.s to the panelists in advance of the appearance. **R. 5:5-5 requires** the advance submission of memos and Case Information Statements and allows for the imposition of attorney's fees and dismissal of pleadings. As a courtesy to the panelists, as well as to our clients, attorneys should be preparing memos and timely forwarding them so our panelists can review them before appearing.

Have a client facing a bench warrant for child support or alimony arrears? The State is sponsoring Amnesty Week April 28th through May 3rd. Delinquent payors are encouraged to appear at the courthouse without fear of arrest, to work with a member of the probation team to enter a payment plan or to address on-going problems. Some minimal payment must be made, but doing so will lift the Bench Warrant. Extended Saturday hours will be available on May 3rd.

The Pilot E-TRO Program started in our county is now being extended to Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland counties. The E-TRO allows police departments from different municipalities to see the actual TRO or Amended TRO on line and provides additional space for allegations of prior abuse.

FINDING BALANCE

Maria Imbalzano, Esq.

I love positive stories about how someone followed their dream, decided to write a novel, and within two years signed a publishing contract. Well, maybe love isn't the correct word. Envy is better.

My journey was a little longer – fifteen years to be exact. Please don't underestimate my talents, yet. Throughout this extended period of time, I have practiced law as a divorce attorney at Stark & Stark and, along with my husband, raised two daughters. I've been on various boards including The American Cancer Society, The Princeton Ballet (now American Repertory Ballet), Thomas Edison State College Foundation and Dress for Success Mercer County, the latter two of which I am still involved. But there did come a time, all those many years ago, when I decided to give novel writing a try.

I happened to be reading a best-selling novel and I grew frustrated with the author. She had told the reader the same thing within pages of each other. Being an avid reader, I knew what good writing was, and I couldn't believe this book had made it through the publishing process and onto the bookshelves. In my naïve, optimistic world I told myself, "I can do this."

Easier said than done, of course. I didn't know where to start. Writing motions, legal memos and briefs, while interesting, is a world away from creative writing – and I was never much of a creative writer during my school years. As fate would have it, a flier came across my desk from NJICLE for a seminar called "How to Write Your Book in 14 Days (A Lawyer's Guide)". I quickly signed up, thinking no one else would be there. I was wrong. The room was packed with would-be John Grishams hoping to write that blockbuster manuscript, sell it,

make a fortune and retire from law.

The seminar was exactly what I needed to get started – although to this day, I have not been able to write a book in fourteen days. It did, however, help me in plotting my stories and breaking them down from chapters to scenes to paragraphs. I wrote during whatever spare time I could find, attended writing seminars and conferences, and submitted my query letters and manuscripts to agents and editors. I received dozens of rejections over the years and my first two manuscripts will probably never see the light of day. But I learned so much about writing over these many years - point of view, character development, story arcs, conflict, the black moment, dialogue . . . the list goes on.

My third manuscript, entitled "Weekend Diaries" won a major writing contest sponsored by New Jersey Romance Writers and I had finally signed with an agent. That was in 2003 and I believed I was on my way. I envisioned signing a contract with a major publishing company and seeing my book on the shelves at Barnes and Noble. My fairy tale came to a slow death, when three years later, I still hadn't gotten any closer to becoming published. I terminated the relationship with my agent and felt like I was starting from scratch. Despite the sad ending to that chapter, I still continued on. Some may say I'm stubborn, but I'd prefer persistent.

In May of 2013, a mere ten years later, I signed my first publishing contract with The Wild Rose Press for the fifth manuscript I had written, "Unchained Memories."

"Unchained Memories" is a contemporary romance novel that revolves around a



medical malpractice case as well as family turmoil. The heroine, Charlotte Taylor, a medical malpractice lawyer returns to Princeton, her hometown, after her brother-in-law's untimely death to help her sister and two young children survive unimaginable loss. Memories of her parents' deaths in a car accident ten years earlier, as well as her serious injuries, come flooding back. Running into ER Doctor Clayton Montgomery at a fundraiser was the last thing she expected. He had been an intern at Nassau General when she'd been a patient there a lifetime ago. As an 18 year old, she had a mad crush on him, yet he didn't seem to notice.

Now, sparks fly as they reconnect. Unfortunately, philosophical differences over

the benefits and detriments of medical malpractice suits soon become a reality and Charlotte is faced with the choice of representing a client against Nassau General – and against Clay.

My book's worldwide release date was January, 17, 2014.

Finding time to write is always a challenge. I write at nights and on weekends when I can. After working all day, it's easy to fall into a pattern of relaxing, watching TV, reading . But that won't get my next book written. I usually go upstairs to my office (which I shamelessly stole from my husband) at about 8pm and either work on my newest manuscript or do marketing tasks for my published novel. Weekends are great because I have much more time to dedicate to writing now that our daughters are in college. Whatever time I have, whether it's a half hour or several hours, I try to use that time wisely. While my career and all its tentacles leave too little time for writing, on the positive side, I do find that all of my experiences lead to interesting plots and richer characters.

I'm currently working on my next novel, "Dancing in the Sand" while at the same time, re-editing a manuscript I had written many years ago, with the plan to send it out again. I am hopeful it won't remain in the black hole (also known as the slush pile) at those publishing houses where other manuscripts seem to reside.

I am thrilled to finally be published after years of working to get to this point. Even though it took me a long time, I can honestly say that the journey has been fun and rewarding. From not knowing the first thing about writing a novel to learning the

craft by going to conferences, seminars and reading dozens of books on the subject, I feel that I have learned something new – something that gives me great pleasure. Along the way, I have met amazing authors (published and pre-published) who have given me support and motivation, especially when I went into a funk over rejections.

Writing romance novels may seem a contradiction to my highly charged divorce practice, but I find that through my writing, I can create positive emotions and story lines. We all need balance in our lives, and for me it's being a divorce lawyer by day and a romance writer by night.

Any of you can obtain your very own copy of "Unchained Memories" in print through amazon.com or on any e-reader device through various sources (Amazon, Barnes and Noble, iTunes, etc.). I will also be signing books at a fundraiser sponsored by the Mercer County Bar Association Women Lawyers' Committee to benefit Dress for Success Mercer County. All net proceeds will be donated. The book signing will be on May 21st from 5-7 PM at Dress for Success, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building 4, Suite 209 in Lawrenceville for any of you who would love a signed copy.

Upcoming Bench Bar Meetings

All Attorneys Are Invited To Attend Bench Bar Meetings

Municipal Bench Bar Meeting
Ewing Municipal Court
April 24th, 3:30 p.m.

Bankruptcy Bench Bar Meeting
Judge Kaplan's Courtroom
May 1st, 4:00 p.m.

Family Bench Bar
Judge Fitzpatrick's Courtroom
May 8th, 3:30 p.m.

Chancery Bench Bar & 2.0 CLE
Special Proceedings Courtroom
June 18th, 3:00 p.m.



Civil Bench Bar Meeting
Judge Hurd's Courtroom
June 25th, 3:30 p.m.

Law Day Election Law

2.0 CLE Seminar

May 13, 2014

2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Mountain View Golf Club

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150 members of the Bench and Bar gathered together on March 26th at the Trenton War Memorial for a panel discussion of Ethics and Social Media.



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Mr. Gradone concentrates his practice in the areas of local property taxation and eminent domain proceedings. Mr. Genato concentrates his practice in the areas of local property taxation, eminent domain, redevelopment, and state tax matters.

Pellettieri Rabstein & Altman attorneys **Kendall Medway** and **Jennifer R. Haythorn** have been selected to the 2014 New Jersey Rising Stars list. Mr. Medway is an associate in the firm's Workers' Compensation department.

Ms. Haythorn is an associate in the Family Law department. With one of the largest family law departments in Mercer County, PR&A has established a statewide reputation for excellence in addressing the host of emotional, financial, and legal issues that comprise family and marital matters.

Attorneys **Gary Adams, Bruce Miller, Jeffrey Monaghan and Edward Slaughter** have been selected to the 2014 New Jersey Super Lawyers list. This year's inclusion marks the 10 consecutive year that Mr. Adams, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Slaughter have received a "Super Lawyer" designation.

Mr. Adams, Mr. Miller & Mr. Monaghan are members of the firm's Workers' Compensation department. Mr. Slaughter practices in the field of personal injury law. He represents persons injured in motor vehicle accidents, construction accidents, people injured by products, as a result of medical and nursing malpractice and from falls or premises accidents. He has been a Certified Civil Trial Attorney since 1986.

Thirty-six attorneys from **Archer & Greiner P.C.** have been selected as "New Jersey Super Lawyers" and "New Jersey Rising Stars" in recognition of their professional achievement and reputation among peers.

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Those selected to the Super Lawyers list this year include **Thomas F. Carroll, III, Stephen M. Eisdorfer, Gerard H. Hanson, Mi-**

chael S. Karpoff, Suzanne M. Marasco, and Ronald M. Perl.

In addition, six attorneys from the Princeton, N.J. office have been selected to the 2014 New Jersey Rising Stars list.

Those selected to the Rising Stars list this year include **Lisa Chapland, Matthew B. Heimann, Jonathan H. Katz, Eric P. Kelner, Ryan P. Kennedy, and Mark A. Roney.**

Szaferman Lakind Blumstein and Blader PC announces 2014 Super Lawyers, Rising Stars and Business Edition Super Lawyers. Nearly 20% of the firm's attorneys have been selected by their legal community peers for inclusion in the 2014 New Jersey Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists. Furthermore, four Szaferman Lakind attorneys* have achieved New Jersey Super Lawyer list inclusion every year since 2005.

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Michael, a graduate of Washington and Lee University and its law school, began his legal career as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Neil Shuster, the now retired Presiding Judge, Superior Court of New Jersey, Mercer County, Chancery Division, General Equity. Prior to joining our firm, he was an associate in the commercial litigation department of Pepper Hamilton.

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Attention Members

Due to snow postponements, the Mercer County Lawyers Basketball League season has been extended by two weeks. The revised schedule is as follows:

Playoffs

Monday, April 21st ,

1st v. 4th– 7:15

2nd v. 3rd– 8:15

Finals

Monday, April 28th, 7:30 P.M.



The current league standings are as follows:

AsSOCEYates 7-2

Cookies and Kareem 6-3

DAGs 5-4

Old Guys 0-9



Resolution of the Mercer County Bar Association in Support of the Reappointment of Supreme Court Chief Justice Stuart Rabner

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Mercer County Bar Association to serve as the voice of attorneys in Mercer County to other organizations, governmental entities and the public with regard to the law, the legal system and the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, Justice Stuart Rabner was nominated, confirmed and sworn in as Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Rabner has served on the Court with distinction, established programs aimed at resolving conflicts before they reach the courts, engaged in outreach programs to educate citizens about the court system, and effectively responded to the needs of users of the courts; and

WHEREAS, the independence of the judiciary as a third branch of government is one of the crowning achievements of this state and the foundation upon which the well-deserved reputation of New Jersey's court system is grounded; and

WHEREAS, it would be an unprecedented intrusion of politics to undermine the independence of the judicial branch by declining the reappointment of Chief Justice Rabner, as no Chief Justice has been denied tenure under our current Constitution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mercer County Bar Association calls for the reappointment of Chief Justice Stuart Rabner.

Calendar

Registration forms for seminars and events are posted on the Mercer County Bar Association website www.mercerbar.com. On the home page there are tabs across the top. Hover your mouse over the "events" tab, and then choose "calendar of events" from the drop-down menu. That will take you to a page where you will find the seminars and events listed in chronological order. Clicking on an underlined event will take you to the registration form. If you have any questions, call the MCBA office 609-585-6200.

April

April 24, 2014

Municipal Bench Bar Meeting
Ewing Twp. Municipal Court
2 Jake Garzio Dr.
Ewing, NJ 08628
3:30 p.m.

April 24, 2014

Hopewell Valley Vineyards
Wine Tasting
46 Yard Rd.
Pennington, NJ
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

May

May 5, 2014

Law Day
Mercer County Middle Schools

May 6, 2014

Bankruptcy Meeting
Judge Kaplan's Courtroom
United States Courthouse
402 E. State Street, 2nd floor
Trenton, NJ 08608
4:00 p.m.

May 6, 2014

Trustees Meeting
Settimo Cielo
17 East Front St.
Trenton, NJ
5:30 p.m.

May 8, 2014

Family Bench Bar Meeting
Judge Fitzpatrick's Courtroom
3:30 p.m.

May 8, 2014

Lawyers CARE
Lawrence Twp. Library
2751 Brunswick Pike
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

May 13, 2014

May General Membership Meeting
And Golden Jubilee Reception
Mountain View Golf Club
850 Bear Tavern Road
West Trenton, NJ
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

May 15th, 2014

Lawyers CARE
Hamilton Township Library
Hamilton, NJ 08610

May 16, 2014

2.0 CLE Luncheon Seminar
"And on the 8th Day There
Was....Tax"
MCBA Office
10 a.m. – 12:00 am

June

June 2, 2014

Annual Golf Outing
Cherry Valley Golf Club
125 Country Club Drive
Skillman, NJ 08558

June 3, 2014

Bankruptcy Meeting
Judge Kaplan's Courtroom
402 E. State Street, 2nd floor
Trenton, NJ 08608
4:00 p.m.

June 3, 2014

Trustees Meeting
Spigola's Restaurant
3817 Crosswicks-Hamilton Sq. Rd.
Hamilton, NJ
5:30 p.m.

June 12, 2014

Lawyers CARE
Mercer County Connection
Hamilton Square Shopping Center
Hamilton, NJ 08690
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

June 13th, 2014

Mercer County Bar Foundation
Wine Tasting
The Stone Terrace by John Henry
Hamilton, NJ
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

June 18, 2014

Chancery Bench Bar Meeting & 2.0
Free CLE Seminar
Special Proceedings Courtroom
3:00 p.m.

June 19, 2014

Municipal Bench Bar Meeting
Ewing Twp. Municipal Court
2 Jake Garzio Dr.
Ewing, NJ 08628
3:30 p.m.

June 27th, 2014

Mercer County Bar Association and
American Red Cross Blood Drive
Hamilton Township Library
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Golden Jubilee and May General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, May 13, 2014
Mountain View Golf Club
850 Bear Tavern Road,
West Trenton, NJ
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

Please join us in honoring our dedicated and highly esteemed members of the legal profession in Mercer County for passing the significant milestone of fifty years of admission to the Bar of New Jersey.

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The blood drive will be held at the Hamilton Township Library,
from 10:00 A.M-3:00 P.M.

Show your support for the Red Cross and the community and
come on down to donate!