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### From the President's Desk...

January is often a time when we reflect on the year that has gone by and set goals for the year ahead. As I begin my new term, I look back on our previous year with pride and thank our outgoing President Dottie Bolinsky for her time and dedication to the Mercer County Bar Association. She made it a great year! I also look ahead to the coming year with excitement and hope that our members will enjoy a 2015 filled with the collegiality, community service and education that our Association provides for its members.

We are off to a great start! The first general membership meeting and my Installation (coronation) as President of the Mercer County Bar Association was held on January 21, 2015 at the Stone Terrace in Hamilton. We had almost 230 people registered for the event and the evening was filled with camaraderie and conversation. The Honorable Bill Mathesius J.S.C. (ret.) gave introductory remarks. He delivered a speech those in attendance will not soon forget! My family was there to share this special evening and I couldn't be more proud to lead such a great organization.



*Michelle Gasparian*

My goal for the coming year is to increase the membership of the association and the participation of our members in the many activities that we sponsor. Members of the MCBA serve clients at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, volunteer their time with the Lawyer's CARE program and deliver meals on wheels. The ongoing fundraising drive for John Carbonara has yielded almost \$13,000 for his family to date! These are but a few examples of our members' generosity. During my tenure we will undertake a membership drive and will seek the support of all attorneys in Mercer County -- from large law firms to solo practitioners, and from every practice area, ranging from criminal law to estate and probate. Increasing the membership of the Association will increase our ability to make a difference.

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More than ever before, we live in a digital age. Time is a precious commodity and much business is conducted via e-mail, conference call, and virtual meeting. However, there still is no substitute for personal connections. The people you “know” are the people that you can rely on in a pinch, the people who will return your calls, the people that you can call friends. The Mercer County Bar Association gives its members an opportunity to make those important face-to-face connections.

One new program we will begin this year is our “Breakfast with the Bench” series. In partnership with Judge Jacobson and her team, the MCBA will host a series of informal gatherings where practitioners can enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut with the Judges and staff of each division. The Civil Division will host the first gathering on Thursday, March 5th from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. This will be a great opportunity for our members to meet informally with the Judiciary and their staff.

The next event on the horizon is the Bench Bar Luncheon on March 25th at the Trenton War Memorial. This event is very well-attended each year, and presents an opportunity for our members to acquire ethics credits towards their CLE requirements. Of course, it is also a chance to mix and mingle with members of the judiciary. Please sign up for this always fun and informative seminar.

We are also planning a series of CLE seminars in every practice area, our annual Judges and Law Clerks Dinner, and the Holiday Party. It’s never too early to mark your calendar for two traditional events that are always favorites! Our Golf Outing will be held on June 25th at Mountain View Golf Club, and Xtreme CLE is scheduled for November 19th at the Conference Center at Mercer County College. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or ideas about any of our events.

Our Association is great because of you! Your participation is integral to keeping the MCBA vital and serving our legal community and our community at large. I look forward to the year ahead and the things that we will achieve together.

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*Thursday, March 5th*  
*Civil Courthouse*  
*8:30 - 9:30 a.m.*



*All attorneys are invited to join*  
*Judge Hurd and his team in the Civil Division for*  
*coffee and donuts compliments of the MCBA!*

## The Trial of the Pirate, Captain Kidd A 17th Century Political Cover-up

Captain William Kidd was either one of the most notorious pirates in history or one of the most unjustly vilified and prosecuted privateers – and the victim of a cruel government cover-up.

Kidd was born in Scotland in January 1645. The first records of his life date from 1660's, when he was a member of a French –English pirate ship that sailed in the Caribbean. Kidd and other members of the crew mutinied, ousted the captain of the ship and sailed to the English colony of Nevis. Kidd became captain of the ship and became part of a small fleet to defend Nevis from the French with whom England was at war.

By the 1680's, the English government was attacking piracy as it affected English merchant ships. In 1685, Lord Bellamont was appointed Governor of Massachusetts Bay and was ordered to take measures to suppress piracy.

Bellamont approached the Admiralty and asked that Kidd receive a commission and given command of an English man-of-war. Admiralty refused as all warships were needed for the war with France.

It was then agreed that Kidd would sail as a privateer under Letters of Marque (a government license) with a special commission under the Great Seal of England to cruise against pirates.

This arrangement was funded by noble lords who were among the most powerful men in England. They included Lord Orford (First Lord of the Admiralty), Lord Somers (Lord High Chancellor), Lord Rodney (a Secretary of State) and Lord



Shrewsbury (a Lords Justice). The Marque was personally signed by King William, III.

This was a secret commission from the King of England to hunt pirates, confiscate their wealth and divvy the spoils among his investors. The King was to get a 10% share of the spoils.

Kidd's ship, the "Adventure," sailed May 1, 1696 arriving in New York in July with a captured French ship. Sailing again, little was heard from Kidd for the next three years. He set course for the Cape of Good Hope and a third of his crew died due to an outbreak of cholera. He failed to find the pirates he expected to encounter off Madagascar.

He then sailed to the southern entrance of the Red Sea. Here, he again failed to find

any pirates. According to a captain employed by the English East India Company, Kidd attacked a convoy and was repelled. If this were true, it was Kidd's first reported foray into piracy.

When rumors of Kidd's crimes began to spread, damaging England's valuable trade with India, his Investors rushed to cover their involvement and disavow any knowledge of his mission.

If the accusation that the King backed a pirate were true, it could endanger his throne.

In December 1698, Government Orders were issued directing that Kidd be captured. In late 1699, Kidd sailed to Boston. He was arrested and claimed he had come to clear his name. Lord Bellamont, his earliest benefactor, disavowed Kidd (perhaps fearing he would be accused as a conspirator) and sent Kidd back to England to stand trial.

In May 1700, the Crown was ready for trial. Kidd and nine of his crewmen were brought to the Old Bailey. The Grand Jury charged Kidd with murder and piracy. The Judge of the Court of Admiralty Sessions instructed the Grand Jury.

The English justice system, at that time, differed dramatically from courtrooms of today. Back then, Defendants could consult lawyers only on narrow points of law, had to cross-examine witnesses on their own and had to deliver their own opening and closing arguments.

Making matters worse for the defense, the Crown appointed the judges who owed the King their careers. The King could pro-

mote them or dismiss them based on their record of verdicts favorable to the King.

The murder trial was presided over by the Lord Chief Justice, Baron Ward. Kidd asked that his trial be postponed. All of his papers, including his Letters of Marque and French passes, which showed that the captured French ships were his lawful prize, had been taken by none other than Lord Bellamont!

The murder charge was based upon an October, 1697 incident where Kidd was accused of throwing a heavy, iron ribbed wooden bucket at a crew member, William Moore, striking him in the head and killing him. Apparently, Moore urged Kidd to attack a nearby Dutch ship, an act, not only piratical but sure to anger the Dutch-born King William, III. Kidd refused, an argument ensued and Kidd threw the bucket.

It was at the commencement of the trial that Kidd, for the first time, learned he was being charged with a murder that occurred two years earlier. Kidd argued that his trial should be postponed since he did not have his documents. The Crown's chief prosecutor, Solicitor General Hawles, cut Kidd off and argued that the murder trial proceed because it was not dependent on the missing French passes. A jury of twelve was then selected.

Kidd's defense claimed there was a mutiny because he wouldn't take the Dutch ship and Moore was the ringleader. However, there was no evidence of a mutiny.

Lord Chief Justice Baron asked the jury to consider whether the words Moore allegedly used were a provocation or, in the alternative, were they too slight to be a provocation.

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The Princeton law firm, Mason, Griffin & Pierson is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary. Ralph S. Mason and Gordon D. Griffin formed the partnership of Mason and Griffin in 1955. Kester R. Pierson became associated with the firm shortly after its formation. For numerous years the office was located on Nassau Street and in 1985 moved to its current location on Poor Farm Road.



In its early years, the firm offered clients a general practice of law. Eventually the firm established practice groups, with attorneys working together and concentrating in more specific areas of law: Business & Banking, Employment Law, Estates & Trusts, Local Government Law, Litigation, and Real Estate & Land Use.

Mason, Griffin & Pierson has been an integral part of central New Jersey over the past sixty years. The firm represents numerous municipalities in Mercer, Somerset, Middlesex and Hunterdon counties, including Princeton for over sixty years and before the consolidation of Princeton, was involved in the establishment of several joint agencies between Princeton Borough and Princeton Township.

Over the years, the firm's attorneys have been engaged with professional and community concerns through numerous organizations, including New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys; Princeton, Mercer County, and New Jersey State Bar Associations; International Municipal Lawyers Association, New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Legal Aid Society, and Mercer County Chamber of Commerce. In 2001, the firm was presented with the Community Partner Award from the Mercer County Bar Foundation.

# ***INSTALLATION DINNER AND JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING***

The Stone Terrace by John Henry  
January 21, 2015

*Over 225 members and guests helped celebrate the Installation of our 2015 Officers and 2017 Trustees. Guests included 18 members of the Judiciary, 12 retired judges and 14 past presidents. To see more photos from the event, visit us online at [www.mercerbar.com/event\\_photo.htm](http://www.mercerbar.com/event_photo.htm).*



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The Lawrenceville School defeated Princeton High School on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 to claim the title of winner in this year's Mercer County Mock Trial Competition.

The Mock Trial Competition is a yearly event sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation. The Competition, now in its 33rd year, is one of the nation's foremost contests of its kind for high school students. The competition gives students a "hands-on" look at the legal process. Through active preparation it brings law to life for students, not only demystifying the operation of the law and court procedures but also helps students increase leadership skills and further develop skills such as listening, speaking, writing, reading and analyzing. Students prepared for the fictitious case for months, developing and executing the matter for trial.

The Lawrenceville School team included the following students; Bryan Lee, Jonas Frumkin, Fernando Guerrero, Eric Chen, Jack Lavin, Azam Janmohamed, Lisa Liu, Aly Sledge, Anna Vinitzky, Olivia Brandon, Maxx Wragan and is coached by The Lawrenceville school teacher, Champneys Atlee. The team was also aided by two Princeton attorneys from the law firm of Pellettieri Rabstein & Altman. Attorneys Lydia Fabbro Keephart (Family Law Attorney) and Christopher DeAngelo (Medical Malpractice Attorney) donated substantial time to help the students prepare. Both attorneys shared, "It is both an honor and pleasure to assist Mr. Atlee with this exceptional group of young adults. They have the perfect balance of energy and intellect."

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## Members In the News

**Hill Wallack LLP partner Kenneth R. Sauter** has been named President of the New Jersey chapter of the Community Associations Institute (CAI-NJ) for the 2015 term. His appointment became official on January 1, 2015.

Mr. Sauter is a member of Hill Wallack LLP's Community Associations, Real Estate, and Banking & Financial Services practice groups. His practice is devoted to real estate matters, with particular emphasis on the representation of community associations. His practice includes commercial real estate transactions, leasing and financing; representation of commercial lenders, including community association lenders; land use and development; and general business representation.

Mr. Sauter says of his appointment, "I am honored and grateful to be elected President of CAI-NJ by my fellow Directors and look forward to serving and promoting the interests of all chapter members."



A member of CAI-NJ's Board of Directors since 2008, Mr. Sauter has previously served as Chairperson for its Legislative Action, Editorial and Education committees. He received

CAI-NJ's Speaker of the Year award in 1999, 2001 and 2005. Mr. Sauter is also a member of the CAI National College of Community Association Lawyers. He frequently lectures on issues relating to community associations and commercial lending and is the author of several published articles.

**Two new lawyers have recently joined Hill Wallack LLP: Christopher R. Geary and Michael S. Savett.** Christopher R. Geary is counsel in the Princeton, NJ office of the firm, where he is a member of the Community Associations and Construction Industry practice groups. Mr. Geary handles multiple large-scale construction claims on behalf of general contractors and

developers, including claims and construction defect claims and has run multiple large construction defect cases on behalf of property owners.



Prior to joining Hill Wallack LLP, Mr. Geary served as Assistant Counsel to the New Jersey Schools Development Authority. He earned his J.D. from Boston University School of Law and his B.A. from The University of Michigan. Mr. Geary is admitted to practice in the states of New York, New Jersey, Arizona and Colorado.

Michael S. Savett is counsel in the Princeton, NJ office of Hill Wallack LLP, where



he is a member of the Insurance Coverage and Trial & Insurance Defense practice groups. Mr. Savett has represented property-and-casualty insurance companies in complex coverage matters involving commercial liability, property, employment practices and errors-and-omissions claims, as well as, insurers in coverage and bad faith litigation involving business owners, homeowners, automobile, property and environmental claims. He has counseled insurance companies on methods of bad faith and coverage dispute avoidance and prepared briefs for, argued, and successfully litigated appeals in New Jersey and New York courts on behalf of insurance companies. He has also served as claims counsel in the environmental division of a major property-and-casualty insurer, managing



environmental, construction defect and professional liability disputes.

Mr. Savett earned his J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law and his B.A. from the University of Delaware. He is admitted to practice in the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York, as well as in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania, and Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.

**Archer & Greiner's Stephanie J. Zane, Esquire**, has recently been appointed to serve a two year term on the National Program Award Committee for the American Inns of Court, which is a committee made up of 21 members from across the county. American Inns of Court (AIC) are designed to foster excellence in Professionalism, Ethics, Civility and Legal Skills. An American Inn of Court is an amalgam of judges, lawyers, and in some cases, law professors and law students. AIC actively involve more than 29,000 state, federal and administrative law judges, attorneys, legal scholars and law students. Ms. Zane is also currently a Master Member of the Thomas S. Forkin Family Law Inn of Court.

Ms. Zane has also been reappointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Character where she is currently serving in her second term. The duty of the New Jersey Committee on Character is to determine the fitness to practice law of each candidate for Admission to the Bar of the State of New Jersey and thereby to promote the public interest and to protect the integrity of the legal profession.



Ms. Zane is a Partner in the firm's matrimonial and family law department. She has extensive experience in complex matrimonial litigation and her practice is focused on addressing all aspects of divorce, custody, child support (and related issues) and domestic violence litigation.

**Hartsough Kenny & Chase** is pleased to announce that **Gerald R. Stockman, Esq.**, has joined our practice.

Mr. Stockman has, for over 50 years, been one of the preeminent members of the Bar, handling serious medical malpractice, motor vehicle and products liability cases. His involvement with the Firm compliments the Personal Injury practice of Daniel E. Chase, Esq, who for 35 years has engaged in the handling personal injury cases. Mr. Stockman is also available to consult on serious cases.

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# COMMUNITY PROJECTS COMMITTEE

*Our lawyers making a difference in the community!*

On November 20, 2014 our Community Projects Committee held a Celebrity Bingo Bash for the seniors at the Lawrence Senior Center. We made ice cream sodas for all of the players and gave out gift cards to the winner of every game played. There were about 80 ladies and gentlemen attending and a great time was had by all.

Thanks to the following people for coming out to join in the fun: JOSEPH JACOBS, Esq., JENNIFER DOWNING, AP of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, TANYA PHILIPS, Esq., ROSE SZABO and CAROLYN CHESNEY of GAYLORD POPP, and DOTTIE BOLINSKY, Esq. of DRINKER BIDDLE.



## **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

### **Serve LUNCH at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen**

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>  
Day to be determined - Week of December 14<sup>th</sup>  
from 10:10 am to 12:50 pm

\*We car pool over from MCPO Lambertson Rd. office or parking is available on the street. Escher St. is located behind the Trenton Police Station.



### **Deliver Lunch for Meals on Wheels**

Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

Meals on Wheels delivers hot, nutritious meals Monday-Friday to the elderly and homebound in the Trenton/Ewing Region. Volunteers are the heart of this operation! We meet at ARC at 180 Ewingville Road in Ewing at 10:15am. We can serve as drivers or "runners" - "runners" deliver the meals to each recipient's door. No need to worry, we are paired with an experienced volunteer. We should be back by NOON. More info at [www.MOWTE.org](http://www.MOWTE.org).



**For more information, please contact either:**

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**Thank you.**



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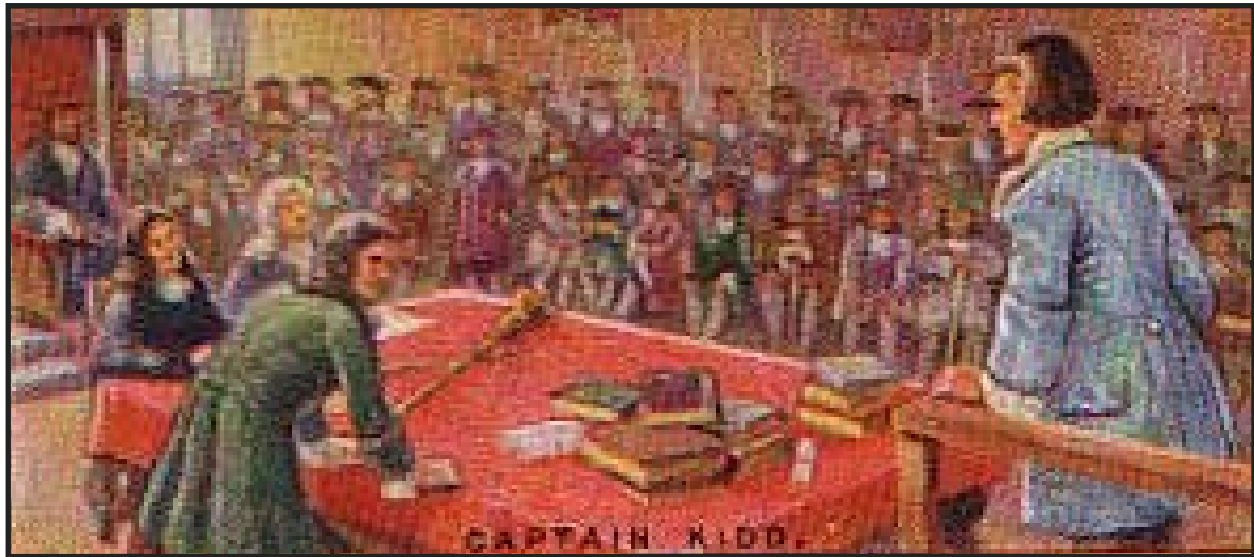
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Our New Officers and Trustees (from left to right): Joseph P. Blaney, Jeffrey M. Gradone, Monica Wahba, Margaret A. Chipowsky, Frank P. Spada, Jr, Brian J. Duff, Angelo J. Onofri, Robert R. Lytle and Colleen M. Crocker with Hon. Bill Mathesius (ret.)

## The Trial of Captain Kidd cont.

*Franklin L. Flacks, Esq.*



The jury convicted Kidd finding mere words are not a provocation and regardless, any discontent occurred days before and, at worst, the only provocation was Moore's impertinence. At this point his lawyers quit!!

The piracy charge then went forward, although anti-climactic. Kidd's defense suggested that, in these piracies, he was an unwilling follower of his own men. In addition, any ship taken was a lawful prize as he had a French pass.

Kidd demanded that his papers be produced and that Lord Bellamont had taken them. They were never produced and none of his crewmen testified that they actually had seen them.

Although Kidd was a privateer and could lawfully seize French ships, it was his duty to bring them in for adjudication by a Court of Prize and with all captured ships, all papers entitled him to seize the ship. Kidd never did this but divided the spoils.

Without his papers, Kidd was convicted. The trial was a charade. The Admiralty lawyers knew Kidd had been given French passes. It is very unlikely that the judges, who socialized at the highest levels of English society had never heard about the French passes.

One can only imagine what Kidd must have thought, incarcerated and awaiting his execution. Invited by cohorts of the King and with the King's personal commission to embark on his adventures, he was protected by privilege. Now, deserted by those Lords, who feared for their own reputations as the victim of a cover-up, he remained in Newgate Prison.

On the day of his execution May 23, 1701, he was plied with brandy and rum and paraded in an open cart through the streets of London to his place of execution. Along the way, the crowd mocked, jeered and goaded him.

His last words were “It is a very hard sentence...I am the innocentest person of them all...Only I have been sworn against by perjured persons.”

Abandoned by his benefactors, documents lost or destroyed, perjured testimony and a cover-up conceived to protect reputations – sound familiar?

Ironically, in 1910, an American doing research in London, found Captain Kidd’s French passes misfiled at the Board of Trade. As a further irony, Lord Bellamont died penniless in New York two months before Kidd’s hanging. In 1790, when a home for George Washington was being built, workers’ uncovered the tomb of Bellamont. He was reburied in St. Paul’s Churchyard without a grave marker.

## LAW DAY ART CONTEST FOR COUNTY FIRST GRADE STUDENTS




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ALL FIRST GRADE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN  
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For eight centuries the Magna Carta has been a symbol of many of the freedoms Americans enjoy, including the right to a trial by jury, due process and the right to travel. This year’s law day art contest challenges first graders to show us what they believe are symbols of freedom through the creativity of their artwork.

The first, second and third place contest winner for the art contest will receive prizes. Winners will be selected from a panel of attorneys, judges and committee members. All entries must be submitted to the Mercer County Bar Association by April 24, 2015 For more information, please contact the Mercer County Bar Association at (609) 585-6200 or via email at [cbrennan@mercerbar.com](mailto:cbrennan@mercerbar.com)

# Calendar

<i>February</i>			
<b>February 17, 2015</b> Real Estate 2.0 CLE Luncheon Seminar <b>INSPECTIONS</b> Greenacres Country Club 11:30 to 2:00 p.m.	<b>February 19, 2015</b> Municipal Bench Bar Meeting and 1.0 Free CLE Seminar Ewing Municipal Court 3:30 p.m.	<b>February 25, 2015</b> Foundation Board Meeting TBA 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	<b>February 26, 2015</b> Family Meet & Greet with Mental Health Professionals Mountain View 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
<i>March</i>			
	<b>March 3, 2015</b> MCBA Trustees Meeting Freddie's Tavern 5:30 p.m.	<b>March 5, 2015</b> Civil Division Breakfast with the Bench 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.	
<b>March 12, 2015</b> Community Projects Volunteer Day at T.A.S.K.  	<b>March 12, 2015</b> Lawyers CARE Mercer County Connection 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.	<b>March 15, 2015</b> Young Lawyers March Madness Charity Bracket Begins!	
<b>March 17, 2015</b> Real Estate Trustees Meeting MCBA Office 9:00 a.m.	<b>March 18, 2015</b> Women Lawyers Luncheon Series with Hon. Anne Thompson Pepper Hamilton 12:00 p.m.	<i>Spring begins on March 20!</i>	<b>March 25, 2015</b> Bench Bar Luncheon and Ethics Seminar Trenton War Memorial 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

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**15th Annual Bench Bar Luncheon  
and 2.0 Ethics CLE Seminar with Vignettes**

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**Wednesday, March 25, 2015**

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Trenton War Memorial, George Washington Ballroom, Memorial Drive, Trenton, N.J.

**Join Justice Anne Patterson, Paula Granuzzo, Esq. from the Office of Attorney Ethics, and MCBA President Michelle S. Gasparian, Esq. as they lead an interactive discussion on ethical pitfalls, emerging traps and other professional dilemmas.**

**Early Registration by March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**\$50.00 for Attorneys, Government Attorneys and Judges  
\$35 for Law Clerks**

**Regular Registration After March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**\$65.00 for Attorneys, Government Attorneys and Judges  
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**Bench Bar Luncheon Seminar**

**March 25, 2015**

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**12:00 to 2:00 p.m.**  
**War Memorial**

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**Honoring Retiring Superior Court and Appellate Judges and**  
**Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph Bocchini, Jr.**  
**Mercer Oaks Golf Club**  
**Tuesday, May 5, 2015**  
**5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Annual Golf Outing**  
**Thursday, June 25, 2015**  
**Mt. View Golf Club**