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

Going into this year as President of the Mercer County Bar Association I knew that it would be a lot of work and involve a significant amount of pressure. But I soon found out that this job is nothing compared to the pressure I felt from my wonderful wife, and the work I had to put in since becoming President, to make sure that my son secured a paying internship this summer before he starts his senior year at the University of Dayton. With that dangerous mission successfully in my rear view mirror, and secure in knowing that my son won't spend the entire summer on the couch playing X-Box and eating chips, I feel like whatever lies ahead in my Presidency will be a walk in the park.

As everyone says, "time flies when you are having fun" and that certainly is the case for the MCBA. With spring already upon us I am happy to report that we have already accomplished much during the last 2 ½ months in the form of initiatives and events, and we have much more to look forward to in the coming months.

As far as initiatives are concerned, we have embarked on a project to upgrade the MCBA website. This month we are getting proposals to perform the much needed overhaul. With revamping, our website can serve as a valuable resource to our members as a repository of information for the public and as a valuable tool for the staff at the Bar Association, since online registration for events and



*Robert E. Lytle*

payment of fees can be made seamless.

Another initiative we are undertaking is the creation of a Diversity Committee. The Committee will collaborate with our members, our committees and the community to ensure the full and equal access to, and participation by, individuals in the MCBA, the legal profession and in the justice system regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. More information about the Diversity Committee is in the newsletter and I encourage all interested members to apply to serve on the committee.

We have also had some great events over the last few months. I was pleased to preside over our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Bench Bar Luncheon. As always, the educational focus was on ethics, but I hope everyone also enjoyed the chance to socialize with colleagues and judges. We were fortunate to have our own Christina Vassilou Harvey, Esq., along with the Hon. Maura Zazzali-Hogan, J.S.C., deliver an informative and cutting-edge presentation on the ethical implications of practicing law in the electronic age. The program was both well-received and well-attended, and I suspect that all of the

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attendees – even the most tech-savvy among them – picked up a few useful tips. Many thanks to Christina, Judge Zazzali-Hogan, and the staff at the MCBA for making this such a wonderful event.

Another well-attended and informative event took place on March 23 at a luncheon which was put on as part of the Women Lawyers Speaker Series. The event featured New Jersey Supreme Court Justice Anne M. Patterson, who addressed various issues that we all need to consider in our daily practice – like the importance of maintaining civility and decorum in all methods of communication, including “old school” typewritten correspondence, telephone communications and voicemail, e-mail, and various forms of social media. We were honored to have Justice Patterson participate in the event and are lucky that she thinks of Mercer County as her “home.” We were also fortunate because Stark & Stark graciously sponsored this event.

Now onto our upcoming events. Two people who have definitely absorbed all the lessons in ethics and civility are this year’s co-recipients of the Professional Lawyer of the Year Award. I am so proud to honor Robin Echevarria and Stacey Geurds with this year’s award. As many of you know Robin and Stacey are not only dedicated to the professional practice of law, they are similarly dedicated to serving our community. Robin and Stacey have worked together for many years as co-chairs of the MCBA’s Community Projects Committee, whose events have and continue to improve the lives of children, seniors and countless others in our community who are less fortunate. Their important work often goes unseen and I am thrilled to publicly acknowledge their tremendous accomplishments and years of distinguished service to the community.

Robin and Stacey will receive their awards at our General Membership Meeting on May 2, at Mercer Oaks Golf Club. At that event, we will also honor and welcome Mercer County’s six newly appointed judges. After years of vacancies on the bench, we finally have a full compliment of judges. I’m happy to report that our new judges have already hit the ground running and are sure to be a tremendous asset to the judiciary. This event will be a great chance to meet the Hon. Robert W. Bingham II, Hon. Joseph A. Hughes, Hon. R. Brian McLaughlin, Hon. Ronald Susswein, Hon. Rodney Thompson, and Hon. Kay Walcott-Henderson. So I encourage everyone to attend the event and take the opportunity to eat, drink, mingle with colleagues, and applaud Robin, Stacey, and our newly appointed judges.

The General Membership Meeting is just the kick-off for a busy spring. On May 12, the Bar Foundation will host its annual Wine and Dine evening at the Stone Terrace. This is the only fundraising event for the Foundation, so a good turnout is essential! There will be a fabulous silent auction, plenty of food, and many wines to sample and purchase, as well as a cigar-rolling station. Don’t miss the chance to raise money for the Foundation while enjoying a relaxing evening out with friends and colleagues.

On June 8, the Women Lawyers Committee will host its annual Ethics CLE and Wine Tasting at Rat’s. The event will include a distinguished panel of judges and I have volunteered to



moderate the discussion. (Ladies, please be kind.) On June 26, we will all venture to Old York Country Club for our annual golf outing! It is a beautiful and challenging course so make sure to reserve your foursomes ASAP, since this event is sure to sell out. And no worries about the weather because the Golf Committee has guaranteed sunny skies and a cool breeze.

Finally, on a more somber note, I know we were all saddened by the passing of Paul Daly, one of the MCBA's most talented and beloved members. Throughout his career, Paul was a mentor and friend to many attorneys, and was always ready to share a joke, a smile, and some practice tips. Please read the touching tribute to Paul by his longtime colleague, Denise Mariani, on page 8 of this newsletter. Paul was a true gem and he will be greatly missed.

So far, my time as president has been just as challenging and just as rewarding as I imagined it would be. Before the year flies by, I encourage all of you to get involved with the MCBA, and to contact me with any questions or concerns. I am always at your service.



## *Mercer County Judicial and Prosecutorial Due Diligence Committee*

*The MCBA is seeking applicants interested in serving on the Mercer County Judicial and Prosecutorial Due Diligence Committee ("County Committee"). The role of the County Committee is to participate in meetings requested by the Mercer County representative of the NJSBA Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee ("JPAC") to provide collective input about prospective judicial and prosecutorial nominees to JPAC. In providing input to the JPAC representative, the members of the County Due Diligence Committee may interview candidates. The members are also expected to provide information based on his or her personal or professional knowledge of a nominee, obtained in the normal course of their practice of law, which may shed light on a nominee's qualifications. The County Committee strives to reflect the diversity of the legal community and include members with litigation experience. Interested candidates should email a letter of interest explaining their qualifications, along with current resume, to MCBA Executive Director, Joan Parzel at [jparzel@mercerbar.com](mailto:jparzel@mercerbar.com)*





## The Murder Trial of Irene House *by: Franklin L. Flacks, Esq.*

I recently came across an old article from 1944 printed in the Trenton Sunday Times about the 1876 trial of a woman who killed her husband but who claimed she was the victim of domestic violence.

This story involves the romantic career of Irene House, “one-time belle” of South Trenton who, in the course of her life, acquired seven husbands and found it expedient to eliminate one of them by murder.

Apparently, Irene was the beautiful daughter of a South Broad Street tobacconist whose conquests, from her early age onward, were numerous.

Just before the outbreak of the Civil War, she married one C.A. Anderson, disappointing the gossipers of Trenton who believed she could have done better. While Mr. Anderson marched off to fight the Confederates, Irene did not pine in loneliness and fear for the safety of her husband. Instead, she took up with J.W. Denver who was from a well-known Trenton family. This affair and marriage was short-lived.

Her third suitor was Orsin A. House, a wealthy New York lawyer of questionable affluence gained in the divorce courts. With his familiarity of divorce law, Mr. House enabled Irene to “cast her husband of the moment adrift” and marry Mr. House.

Residing in Lawrence, Mr. House continued to commute to New York to carry on his legal practice. It seems Mr. House had his share of vices and his professional career was somewhat on the shady side. He was emotionally unstable and would, at one time lavish Irene with affection and, at another time, abuse her. Irene fought back and their home was often the scene of domestic tumult.

On the evening of June 30, 1876, Mr. House returned home and Irene demanded that he make up the payroll for several workmen they employed about the house and grounds.

Mr. House was already in an angry, sullen mood and he refused. A violent argument followed and he hit Irene in the face, kicked her in the stomach and dragged her around by her hair. Freeing herself, she ran upstairs and retrieved a handgun.

Meanwhile, Irene’s 15 year old son, Willie Anderson, tried to calm his step-father, who



became even more enraged, and threatened Willie. Irene came downstairs and shot her husband in the head, killing him instantly.

Irene was arrested and taken into custody. An inquest was held by a coroner's jury and she was charged with "willful and deliberate" murder. She was, however, released on bail.

Edward T. Green, later judge of the U.S. District Court, represented Irene. The case was sent to the Mercer County Grand Jury which only indicted her for manslaughter.

Her trial opened on October 16, 1876 before Mercer County Judges Beasley, Tyler and Atchley. It only lasted three days. The Prosecutor was Mercer Beasley, Jr. (related to the Judge?) and was assisted by Attorney General Vanatta.

In court, Irene's pale face "was set off by the mourning dress she wore". Her health had deteriorated since the shooting and "the appearance of suffering had its effect on the jury."

When Irene took the stand in her own defense, she was cross-examined by Vanatta whose grilling was described as so harsh that Irene "became hysterical and throwing her arms up dramatically," she cried:

"If you want to take my life, take it! I can't stand this!"

Her defense was obviously self-defense to save her own life. The jury deliberated seven hours and found her not-guilty. However, her health had severely worsened since her arrest. A few months later, she was committed to the State Hospital.

Gradually, her delusions disappeared and she was discharged as fully recovered. Her attractions to men had never abated from her arrest through her psychiatric hospitalization. In the course of time, she added four more husbands!

The first was H. Chris Bower, a Congressman from South Carolina. Next was Frank Parker a Trenton baseball player of the 1880's. Then came Paul H. Redmond and last was Harry Carson.

Still, Irene knew "no tranquility or happiness." During the 1890's she moved to the West with her son Willie and was never heard from again. Presumably, there was probably other husbands, as well. She surely lived a full life!



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2017**

League play is in the former "JCC" gym on Monday nights  
Ewing Township Senior & Recreation Center  
999 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ  
All games Monday nights 7:00pm & 8:00pm

Date	Home	Away	Time
4-3-17	1	3	7:00
	2	4	8:00
4-10-17	3	4	7:00
	1	2	8:00
4-17-17	2	3	7:00
	1	4	8:00
4-24-17	1	3	7:00
	2	4	8:00
5-1-17	3	4	7:00
	1	2	8:00
5-8-17	3	2	7:00
	1	4	8:00
<b>PLAYOFFS</b>			
5-15-17	1ST	4TH	7:00
	2ND	3RD	8:00
<b>FINALS</b>			
5-22-17			

1. **Old Guys (Red) Allen Gorski**
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3. **DAGS (Green) David Yi**
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## *A tribute to Paul Daly, Esq.*

*by Denise Mariani, Esq.*

On March 17, 2017, the Bar lost an outstanding lawyer and great human being, Paul Daly. I had the incredible honor of eulogizing my dear friend at his funeral. Some of you who are reading this were unable to attend the service so I would like to share just a few of the thoughts I shared at that time. I began by confessing my overwhelming fear that no matter what I said or how long I spoke, my words would never be good enough to convey what a phenomenal human being Paul Daly really was. I continue to suffer from that same fear as I write this article.

When I was a law clerk just out of law school in 1992, everyone talked about the prestigious Lenox Law Firm and this brilliant and gracious lawyer, Paul Daly. Several judges had practiced there before going on the bench. The Honorable Chuck Delehey for example, was Paul's mentor at Lenox and dear friend. The Honorable Linda Feinberg, who was my judge also practiced there. You can see how the stars aligned. The Honorable Sam Lenox and his father practiced there as did Tom Brown, a current Superior Court Judge.

Everyone loved and respected this young superstar, Paul Daly. We discussed my 1st job as a lawyer over lunch at Rossi's on Franklin Street in Trenton. Rudy Socey and Greg Giordano, also dear mentors and friends, joined Paul in the "interview." When Paul knew all the locals, I was impressed. When he downed the Rossi's burger, I was hooked. Within minutes I was saying what everyone else says after meeting Paul Daly, "This is the nicest guy ever!" In 1993 when my clerkship ended, the Daly Mariani mentoring program was born. He was my mentor in the practice of law and the practice of life. Twenty four years later, it continues.

During that 24 years, as brilliant as Paul was, he could never get the hang of typing. Everything was handwritten on a yellow legal pad. Any project he had at home or case he was working on, every detail, was handwritten on a yellow legal pad. I once saw him, really passionate about an issue, handwrite an entire Order to Show Cause on a yellow legal pad, complete with caption, Notice of Motion, Certification and Form of Order. Then there was texting. If you ever got a text message from him, you know what I'm talking about. Decoding it was a challenge. I told him texting with him was like playing a game of hangman. After a surgery I had last year, Paul texted to check on me. It was a very sensible text which caused me to respond, "Is this Lisa?" And it was. Speaking of Lisa, I have to note for the record, that she was Paul's rock. She is an incredibly strong woman and a wonderful



wife and mother. She and Paul were married for 20 years and still giggled in each other's company like teens at a prom. It was beautiful to watch.

Paul Daly. One of a kind Paul Daly. There is so much to say about this "larger than life" person that I really could have spoken about him for hours. Instead, I broke it down into 3 words that I think best describe Paul. The 3 C's are lessons that I try to impart to my children. Competence, credibility and compassion.

**COMPETENCE** – *The ability to do something well.*

Paul was smart. I mean really smart. His work ethic was 2nd to none. Paul was able to take a really complicated case and analyze it and figure out how to present it in its most simplified form. He would say, "That's how you win a case. Simplify it." He taught me to study the applicable jury instructions at the intake stage as that is how you plan your case and conduct efficient discovery. This is how he was always able to take a masterful deposition more quickly than anyone I know. I used to joke with him that he deposed a witness like he was double parked out front... but never missed an important point or concession.

Paul Daly had a special talent for tackling complex legal issues. He was one of the most brilliant trial lawyers I have ever come across in my career. I do not say that lightly. And that is not just my opinion. Judges, lawyers and clients have and continue to say the same when Paul's name is mentioned. This has been going on for years. I read a comment about Paul on legacy.com which described Paul so eloquently. It was written by John Gentile, a long time defense attorney who had many cases on the opposing side of Paul. He wrote: "Paul was the kind of attorney and person that we all aspire to be. He was my colleague and friend for 30 years. A zealous advocate blessed with a kind and gracious temperament, he will be missed by us all." Well said!

The Daly Mariani mentoring program continued through the last chapter of his career at his own law practice Daly Law in Ewing Township, where he continued representing injured people who needed him with his long time loyal friend and legal assistant Deborah Toth. He was always my go-to guy for legal and personal issues. His advice was always dead on. I miss Paul terribly and cannot imagine how lost his family is.

I shared with everyone what I have already found myself doing when I want to seek his advice. You see, I will never give up that Paul Daly voice of reason, that brilliant lawyer who knows how to put a case together for a client who needs him. That insightful and kind human being who guided me through some tough personal situations. So now, I have to close my eyes and picture him and then ask my questions. I picture his smirky smile and that twinkle in his baby blue eyes when he laughed. When he really wanted you to listen carefully, he would turn his head ever so slightly, raise his eyebrows just a little, and then give you the honest answer you sought, whether you liked the answer or not. This brings me to the next Paul Daly word.



**CREDIBILITY** – *The quality of being trusted or believed in.*

Paul was a champion for fairness and justice in all areas of life, not just the courtroom. He despised dishonesty, abuse of power and bullying and he would not stand for it. The truth mattered to Paul. You always got the truth from him, good or bad and he expected the same in return. I am a fan of some of the quotes and stories of Abraham Lincoln, affectionately known as "Honest Abe." Many remind me of Paul. Abraham Lincoln, as Paul Daly, was well known for his moral honesty. As a U.S. President, Lincoln was strongly advised against making his famous speech on the issue of slavery about "a house divided against itself." His friends and advisors thought the speech would kill his career as it was too radical for the time. Lincoln's reply was this, "Friends, the time has come when these sentiments should be uttered, and if it is decreed that I should go down because of this speech, then let me go down linked with the truth." That was Paul Daly. He earned his credibility every day of his life.

**COMPASSION** - *Feeling sympathy for others accompanied by the desire to help.*

Paul treated everyone with respect and dignity. He always wanted everyone to feel important, from his clients, to other lawyers, to the waitress who is bringing soup to the table. They are all important human beings to Paul and they always received that warm smile, twinkling blue eyes and infectious laugh. This is compassion in its most basic form. Despite having such high intelligence, this is how he lived his life. Paul used his intelligence to empower others. He did this with humor. He did this by engaging everyone around him. No one was left out of a conversation. He did this through mentoring. His advice to me was not only dead on but it was empowering to me. He always started with, "Denise, you got this" or "Denise, you are head and shoulders above that lawyer." Then we'd turn to the yellow legal pad.

I reminded his children, Matthew, LeighAnne, Shannon and Colin, that their dad was mentoring them all these years, as well. He gave them all the tools they need to be good human beings and succeed on their own... and they are great young adults! Paul loved practicing law but his children were his life and he could not have been prouder. Paul lost his dad when he was a junior in high school. He worked 3 jobs at a time and put himself through college and law school. He wanted nothing more than to give his children the best educational opportunities he could and make life a little easier for them.

Matthew and LeighAnne were very successful at Lehigh University and Michigan University, respectively. Paul was often seen at Pennington Market on Sundays with a Michigan or Lehigh hat, eager to brag about his two oldest superstars. He also believed, to his core, that his boys Colin and Matthew are the best athletes on the planet and even when they open up Mars, no one will compare to them. Colin and Shannon are both excelling at Notre Dame High School. Paul always got a kick out of Colin's sense of humor. Paul would tell stories about him and say "Colin is such a pisser." I always thought Colin was a "mini Paul". Paul was both proud and scared of his precious daughters, Shannon and LeighAnne. They are strong and confident young ladies and Paul was so proud of them. Raised by a tough Irish woman, Paul



respected women. I told the girls that they have a lot yet to do. Paul fully expects them to conquer the world, all while dancing backwards in high heels! Paul was so proud of the fact that Shannon got into so many colleges, including Paul's Alma Mater, St. Joe's. Lisa recently advised me that Shannon has chosen to attend St. Joe's. Paul is definitely toasting to that! Congratulations, Shannon!

Before closing, I had to address Paul's sense of humor. He loved to laugh! Everyone who knows Paul was fully aware of his terrific sense of humor. He was fascinated by irony. That obviously speaks to his intelligence. Paul Daly left us on St. Patrick's Day, his favorite day of the year. I recall our early days at the Lenox Law Firm on St. Patrick's Day. The guys from the Devlin Law Firm would come downstairs to celebrate. Ben Cittadino and John Devlin, Sr. would bring down green food dye for the beer. We actually drank green beer. Paul loved it!

The fact that Paul left us on St. Paddy's Day not only shows his sense of humor but it also shows his compassion. He was thinking about his loved ones. He knew how much we loved him and will miss him. He knew that with our shattered hearts, we would have a little laugh about that. I think it was also a message to us that he is ok and he wants us to be ok.

*I close with 3 final thoughts.*

First, I told Paul's family, including his precious children Matthew (29), his wife Jill, Leigh Ann (26), Shannon (18) and Colin (16), his beloved wife Lisa, treasured brother Brian and big sister Judy Rottkamp, with whom he shared a very special bond, that Paul was happiest when they were happy. They can honor him by enjoying every moment of their life to its fullest extent.

Secondly, to friends and colleagues of Paul, we can and should honor him, as well. We all should live our lives according to the 3 C's. Demonstrate COMPETENCE in whatever you do. Earn that CREDIBILITY from everyone you meet. Have COMPASSION for all human beings, whether you know them or not.

Finally, to Paul, my treasured friend and precious mentor, I am so thankful that our paths crossed in this lifetime and I firmly believe they will cross again. I thank you for all you've given me over the last 24 years. I am a better lawyer, mom, friend, and human being for having you in my life and you will be in my heart forever. I don't know why you were taken after only 58 years of life. I can only imagine that someone up there needed a really good friend or a really good lawyer. In either case, they got the very best!



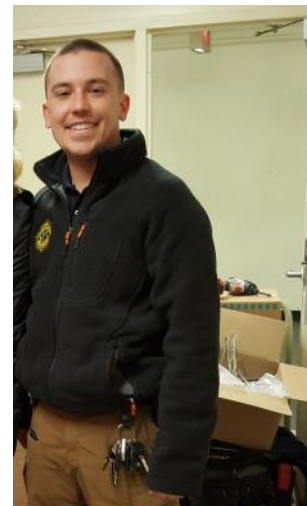





## MCBA Community Projects Committee

Committee Co-Chairs Robin Echevarria & Stacey Geurds

*Thank you to those who participated in Meals on Wheels on Tuesday, March 21, 2017:  
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*New Jersey State Bar Association's Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee.*





## MERCER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY EVENTS

*Invites the Members of the Bar to*



### **Deliver Lunch for Meals on Wheels of Mercer County**

*Wednesday, May 17th  
Wednesday, August 23th  
Tuesday, November 14th*

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 10:30am. 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).



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



*Thursday, June 22nd - DINNER  
Thursday, September 21st - LUNCH  
Tuesday, December 12th - LUNCH*

**\*Lunch service requires us to be present from 10:10 am to 12:50 pm. Dinner service requires us to be present from 3:15 pm to 5:00 pm.**

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

**For more information, please contact either:  
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or Robin Echevarria – [robinech5@verizon.net](mailto:robinech5@verizon.net) (609) 509-6389  
Thank you.**



## ***SAVE THE DATE***

*Mercer County Bar Association's Women Lawyers Committee  
presents*

Wine Tasting & 1.0 CLE Ethics Seminar

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017**

**5:30—8:00 pm**

***Rat's Restaurant At Grounds For Sculpture***



## ***SAVE THE DATE***

*Mercer County Bar Association's Family Law Committee  
presents*

**Family Bar Meet & Greet**

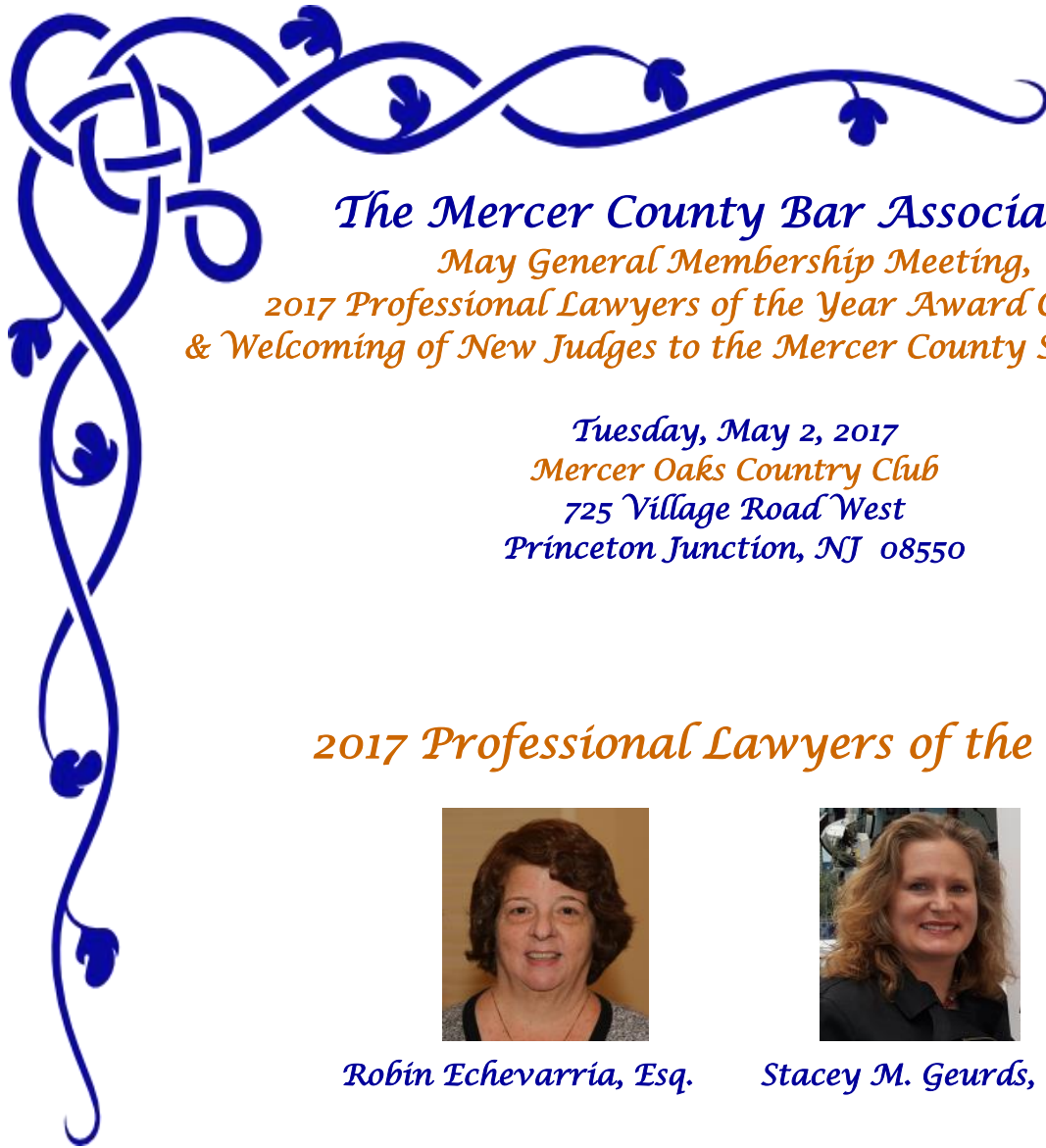
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**Thursday, June 22, 2017**

**5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

***Mountain View Golf Club***





*The Mercer County Bar Association*  
*May General Membership Meeting,*  
*2017 Professional Lawyers of the Year Award Ceremony*  
*& Welcoming of New Judges to the Mercer County Superior Court*

*Tuesday, May 2, 2017*  
*Mercer Oaks Country Club*  
*725 Village Road West*  
*Princeton Junction, NJ 08550*

*2017 Professional Lawyers of the Year*



*Robin Echevarria, Esq.*



*Stacey M. Geurds, Esq.*

*The MCBA Welcomes our*  
*Six New Judges*

*Hon. Robert W. Bingham II*  
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# *The Mercer County Bar Association*

## *May General Membership Meeting*

### *Registration Form*

*Tuesday, May 2, 2017*  
*Mercer Oaks Country Club*  
*725 Village Road West*  
*Princeton Junction, NJ 08550*  
*5:30pm to 8:30pm*

### **Program Booklet Rates**

If you would like to place an advertisement or congratulatory message in the Program Booklet, please send it in JPEG format to the Bar Association at [info@mercerbar.com](mailto:info@mercerbar.com) by April 25, 2017.

Back Page Ad – 5" X 8" \$500  
 Full Page Ad – 5" X 8" \$350  
 Half Page Ad – 5" X 4" \$200  
 Quarter Page – 5" X 2" \$100  
 Well-Wisher - Your Name \$10

Register before April 21<sup>st</sup> Members \$65/Non-Members \$115  
 Register after April 21<sup>st</sup> Members \$80/Non-Members \$130

#### May General Membership Meeting

May 2, 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

48 Hr. written notice required for cancellation and refund. Refunds are subject to a \$15 processing fee. Payment is not deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes but may be deductible under other provisions as a business expense..

Send registration and payment to: Mercer County Bar Association ~1245 Whitehorse Mercerville Rd.~ Suite 420 ~ Hamilton, NJ 08619 Phone (609) 585-6200 Fax: (609) 585-5537 Email – [info@mercerbar.com](mailto:info@mercerbar.com)







## Mercer County Bar Foundation 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine & Dine (+Beer!)

Friday, May 12, 2017

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Stone Terrace by John Henry's  
2275 Kuser Road, Hamilton, NJ

### *Wine and Beer Tasting and Silent Auction to benefit our philanthropic activities in Mercer County*

Join your friends and colleagues to celebrate the beginning of summer at the beautiful Stone Terrace by John Henry's Restaurant in Hamilton, NJ. Come and sample an assortment of fine wines and craft beers (taste them all – purchase some for delivery), delicious hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and tempting desserts. Visit our fabulous silent auction, make a donation, be a sponsor and place an ad in our Tasting Notes Booklet. The net proceeds from the event will help fund our scholarships, anti-bullying projects and philanthropic activities for Dress For Success, Legal Aid, T.A.S.K and Meals on Wheels.

*Individual tickets are \$40, couples are \$75 and donations are always welcome.  
Individual tickets purchased after May 2<sup>nd</sup> are \$55.00/Couples \$90.00*

### *Wine & Dine Sponsorships*

#### *Grand Cru \$1,000*

Full page ad in the tasting book, cocktail napkins with company logo and ten tickets.

#### *Vintage Reserve \$500*

Half page ad in the tasting book and six tickets.

#### *Dessert Table \$300*

Half page ad in the tasting book and two tickets

#### *Fresh Keg \$225*

Quarter page ad in the tasting book and two tickets.

### *Tasting Book & Ad Rates*

Back Page (5" x 8")	\$750
Full Page (5" x 8")	\$500
Half Page (5" x 4")	\$300
Quarter Page (2.5" x 2")	\$175
Business Card (1.5" x 2")	\$100

Registrations and payment can be sent to the Mercer County Bar Foundation, 1245 Whitehorse Mercerville Road, Suite 420  
Mercerville, NJ 08619 Fax 609-585-5537  
email [info@mercerbar.com](mailto:info@mercerbar.com)

### *Wine & Dine (+Beer) May 12, 2017*

# Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$40)/Couple(\$75)

Ad: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Page (\$500) \_\_\_\_\_ Half Page (\$300)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Quarter Page (\$175) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Card (\$100)

#### **Sponsorship:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Grand Cru \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_ Vintage Reserve \$500  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dessert Table \$300 \_\_\_\_\_ Fresh Keg \$225

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by Check or Credit Card (We accept American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa)

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sec Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**48 hour written cancellation necessary for all refunds  
and \$15 processing fee applies.**





## SAVE THE DATE

*MCBA Annual Golf Outing*  
*Monday, June 26, 2017*  
*Old York Country Club at Chesterfield*  
*Begins at 11:30am*



## SAVE THE DATE

*Estate, Probate & Chancery*  
*Networking Reception*  
*Wednesday, May 24, 2017*  
*6:00pm to 8:00pm*

*Many thanks to **Investors Bank** for partnering  
 with the Mercer County Bar Association &  
 sponsoring this event!*





## Mercer County Bar Association's 17th Annual Bench Bar Luncheon March 29, 2017





# Calendar

<b><i>April 27, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Municipal Bench Bar Meeting—Ewing Twp. Municipal Court</i></b>
<b><i>May 2, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Trustees Meeting—MCBA Office</i></b>
<b><i>May 2, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>May General Membership Meeting &amp; Awards Ceremony Mercer Oaks Country Club</i></b>
<b><i>May 5, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Law Day</i></b>
<b><i>May 11, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Lawyers CARE Free Legal Clinic</i></b>
<b><i>May 12, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Mercer County Bar Foundation's 5th Annual Wine &amp; Dine—The Stone Terrace by John Henry's</i></b>
<b><i>May 17, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Estate/Probate/Chancery Meeting—MCBA Office</i></b>
<b><i>May 18, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Family Bench Bar Meeting</i></b>
<b><i>May 24, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Estate/Probate/Chancery—Networking Reception</i></b>
<b><i>May 30, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Supreme Court Swearing In</i></b>
<b><i>June 6, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Trustees Meeting—Triumph Brewery, Princeton, NJ</i></b>
<b><i>June 8, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Women Lawyers Committee—CLE Ethics Seminar Rats Restaurant—Grounds for Sculpture</i></b>

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## *Mercer County Bar Association* CREATING A DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

The MCBA is dedicated to ensuring equality in the legal profession and justice system. To promote that goal, the MCBA is creating a Diversity Committee which will collaborate with all of our committees to ensure the full and equal access to and participation by individuals in the MCBA, the legal profession and in the justice system regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

We are seeking applicants who would like to serve as Chairperson(s) and Members of the newly formed Diversity Committee. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and current resume to MCBA Executive Director, Joan Parzel, at [jparzel@mercerbar.com](mailto:jparzel@mercerbar.com).



*Save the Date*  
**XTREME CLE**  
*November 14, 2017*

*Mercer County Community College*



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