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**Save the Date**

**XTREME CLE**

**November 14, 2017**

**Mercer County Community College**

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

As Fall begins, it reminds us once again that this is the beginning of a new court year. As such, it offers us all the privilege and responsibility of doing our part, both individually and collectively, to maintain and continue to improve our justice system, which is a model throughout the country and indeed the world. We often speak of the "justice system" as though it were a faceless monolith. As lawyers we all know that is not the case. The justice system is composed of people. People like our legislators, public servants and police officers who make and enforce our laws - people like judges, who work tirelessly on a daily basis to interpret our laws and apply them justly - people like the dedicated court staff who make the system work - and people like lawyers, who deliver every day on the promise of access to justice.

At the annual Opening Ceremony, I had the opportunity to remember and honor 11 of those attorneys, who sadly passed away last year. The ceremony was without doubt a somber occasion. But it should never be lost on us that the lives of



*Robert E. Lytle*

our colleagues and friends deserve to be celebrated. The 11 lawyers who were honored were not only incredibly talented attorneys, they included World War II and Korean War veterans, inventors, judges, athletes, prosecutors, political activists, Deputy Surrogates, leaders in their respective communities, as well as mothers and fathers, sons and daughters. As we honored the lives led by those 11 attorneys, they not only reminded us of who we are, but more importantly, of who we all should strive to be, and what we can achieve by working together for the sake of justice. I know the members of the MCBA look forward to working to achieve that goal, and the staff, officers, trustees and committee chairs have all been carrying out their responsibilities in the hope of maintaining the collegiality, professionalism, and education for

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which our association is known.

I was pleased to see so many members at the Opening Ceremony. While the ceremony is always a solemn occasion, it also filled me with pride to know that so many of our members respect and honor the tradition in our County of remembering those who have passed on. If you have never attended the Opening Ceremony, please consider attending each year – I promise that you will be moved by the event.

Fall is always a busy time at the MCBA, and this year has been no exception. I was delighted to see over 150 members at our annual Judges and Law Clerks Reception at Mercer Oaks on September 27. Everyone enjoyed food, drink, and the opportunity to meet and mingle with the new law clerks. As is our custom, the introductions were made with robust good humor, and everyone took an evening away from our usual work to relax together. Several law clerks have already commented that they felt like honored guests, and were impressed by the genuine camaraderie shared by our members. Earlier in September, several of our members joined the law clerks for a casual lunch, and provided a more informal welcome to the bar. Our bar will only continue to thrive if we continue to attract younger members, so please make an effort to get to know both the law clerks and newly practicing lawyers at our events, and make them feel welcome.

There is an impressive slate of events scheduled for the coming months. Our Events Committee, led by Tanya Phillips and Katie Magee, has been working hard to provide ample opportunity to bond with your colleagues. On October 25, the Young Lawyers Committee will host a bowling tournament at Colonial Lanes in Lawrence, with proceeds going toward this year's charity, LifeTies. The very next day, the Women Lawyers Committee will present a session of calming yoga. If you find yourself stressed out from the practice of law, take the opportunity to engage in a positive hour of mindfulness and stretching.

The highlight of our fall social calendar is definitely the November 2 General Membership Meeting at Mountain View

Golf Club. Please join us as we present the Michael J. Nizolek Award to Buck LaFerrara, the Community Partner Award to Central Jersey Legal Services, and the Young Lawyer of the Year Award to Lauren Scardella. All of our recipients have done tremendous service to the bar and the community. We are proud to honor them.

The MCBA will also be hosting a State Bar Night & Wine Tasting on November 6, 2017 at Hopewell Valley Golf Club. The event presents the ideal opportunity to bring members of the MCBA and NJSBA together for an evening of networking and news sharing of hot topics on the local and state levels. As you may expect, we will include a wine tutorial concentrating on Bordeaux, with a tasting of top hand-picked wines from its major sub-regions. You will not only drink outstanding wines, but you are guaranteed to approach wine shops and wine lists with renewed confidence.

One of the hallmarks of the MCBA is our educational offerings, and two of our signature events are also scheduled for November. We will offer a Professionalism Day ethics seminar on November 2 in Judge Jacobson's courtroom, which will include a distinguished group of moderators and panelists, including Justice Virginia Long, Judge Jacobson, Judge Carchman, Lew Pepperman, Stacy Noonan and Pat Budd, among others (you can head to Mountain View directly after the seminar!). On November 14, Xtreme CLE will once again take place at the Conference Center at Mercer County College! Sign up and complete your credits for the year at the most reasonable price around! Distinguished panelists will present on every practice area imaginable. Information on the event is on pages 22 and 23 of this newsletter.

You may have noticed that you received this newsletter in your email, not via the regular mail. The MCBA is moving toward embracing our more environmentally friendly, digital world, and has decided to convert to an electronic delivery of this newsletter. If you have feedback on that decision or anything else that concerns you, please let me know. My door is always open to you.

Finally, all of the events and educational efforts of the MCBA would be impossible without its hard-working staff. On that note, I am saddened to announce that our Executive Director, Joan Parzel, has decided to leave the MCBA for other opportunities. Over the last two years, Joan has cultivated a tremendous working relationship with the other staff members, officers, trustees, committee chairs and attorney members of the bar. Her top-notch organizational skills and dedication to her duties have served us all well. She has been instrumental in carrying out our full load of events and ensuring the smooth operation of our office, while handling the comments and concerns of our members with courtesy and professionalism. We will all miss her, and wish her well in her future endeavors. It has been our experience that the best candidates for the Executive Director position often come from our members. So, if you have someone to recommend, please contact them and ask that person to send a letter of interest and resume to Prosecutor Angelo Onofri at [aonofri@mercercounty.org](mailto:aonofri@mercercounty.org).





## Mercer County Judicial Royalty

*by: Franklin L. Flacks, Esq.*

Mercer County has a long history of famous jurists and lawyers who have been either born, raised or practiced in our County. We have always been fortunate, over the past forty-five years that I have practiced in Mercer County, to have wonderful and competent judges on our Bench.

Historically, one could actually say we have had judicial royalty on our Bench. The following review hopes to remind us of that royalty. I'm sure that I may have omitted the names of other deserving jurists and for that I apologize. I am also positive that one day, current jurists in our County, such as the Honorable *Anthony M. Massi*, will be on that list!

We are all familiar with United States Supreme Court Justice, *Samuel Alito* and the late Justice, *Antonin Scalia* born respectively in Hamilton and Trenton. Although born in Trenton, Justice Scalia was raised in Manhattan, attending elementary and high school there.

Justice Alito, however, actually attended Steinert High School in Hamilton and then went on to Princeton University and Yale Law School.

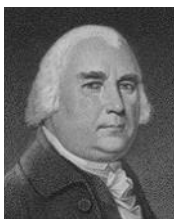


*Richard Stockton* (1730-1781) appears to be the first in our long line of Mercer County judicial royalty. He was born in Princeton at the family home known as Morven. He was admitted to the bar in 1754. In 1763, he received the degree of sergeant at law, the highest degree of law at the time. In 1768, Stockton was elevated to a seat in the New Jersey Provincial Council and in 1774 he was appointed to the provincial New Jersey Supreme Court.

In 1776, Stockton was elected to the Second Continental Congress. Also that year, he was unanimously elected to serve as Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court but he turned it down to remain in Congress. He was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence.

During the Revolutionary War, on November 30, 1776, he was captured by British loyalists and imprisoned by the British in New York City where he was brutally treated as a common criminal, intentionally starved and subjected to freezing cold weather.

Finally paroled by the British on January 13, 1777, he returned to Princeton and reopened his law practice. He was never free of pain from his imprisonment and died on February 28, 1781 at Morven. Of course, Stockton University is named after him.



*Issac Smith* (1740-1807) was born in Trenton and became an Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court in 1777.



**David Brearly** (1741-1790) was also born in Trenton. He was a Colonel in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. He was Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court from 1779-1789.



**William L. Dayton** (1807-1864) Although born in Somerset County, he resided in Trenton. He became an Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court from 1842-1851. He was the U.S. Minister to France during the Civil War. He died in France supposedly in bed with a female Confederate spy!

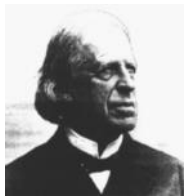


**Edward T. Green** was born in Trenton, graduated from Princeton in 1854 and Harvard Law School in 1858. He was in private practice from 1858-1861 in Trenton. A Sergeant in the Union Army during the Civil War, he returned to Trenton, after the War, and practiced law until 1889. He was appointed to the United States District Court by President Benjamin Harrison in 1889. He died in Trenton in 1896.



**Charles Ewing** was born in 1780 in Bridgeton, N.J. but in 1784 his family moved to Trenton and he graduated from Princeton University in 1798. He was licensed as a lawyer in 1802 and was the recorder for the City of Trenton.

Ewing was appointed Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court in 1824. It was said he was reluctant to accept the position due to his lucrative law practice. He died on August 5, 1832 and is buried in Riverview Cemetery. Ewing Township is named after him.



**Mercer Beasley** was born in Philadelphia but later resided in Trenton. In 1851 he was the Whig candidate for Mayor of Trenton. He was Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court from 1864 until his death in 1897.



**Alfred Reed** (1839-1918) was born in Trenton. He was a Mayor of Trenton, a Common Pleas Judge in 1869 and an Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court from 1875-1904. The Alfred Reed Elementary School in Ewing bears his name.



**William Mershon Lanning** was born in Ewing in 1849 and graduated from the Lawrenceville School in 1866. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1880 practicing law in Trenton.

Lanning was the solicitor for the City of Trenton in 1884, judge of the city district court in



1887 until 1891 when legislated out of the office. He was elected as a Republican to Congress in 1903 but resigned in 1904 to accept an appointment on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals where he served until his death in 1912. He is buried in the Ewing Township Presbyterian Cemetery. The Lanning Elementary School in Ewing is named after him.



**William S. Gummere** (1852-1933). Born in Trenton and practiced law here. He became a Circuit Judge and then an Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court from 1895-1901. In 1901 he became Chief Justice and served until his death in 1933.



**Joseph Lamb Bodine** (1883-1950) was born in Trenton. He was the U.S. Attorney from New Jersey, 1919-1920, U.S. District Judge from New Jersey, 1920-1929, Associate Justice of our Supreme Court, 1929-1948 and a Superior Court Judge in 1948.



**A. Dayton Oliphant** was born in Trenton in 1887. He graduated from the Lawrenceville School, Princeton University and got his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

He was a Republican member of the New Jersey General Assembly from Mercer County from 1915-1917 and Mercer County Prosecutor from 1918-1923.

Oliphant was a circuit judge for Hudson, Middlesex and Mercer Counties from 1927-1945. He was an Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court from 1945-46 and 1948 to 1957. He died in 1963 and is buried in the Riverview Cemetery.



**Harry Heher** (1889-1972) was also born in Trenton. He was Chair of the Mercer County Democratic Party in 1921 and the New Jersey State Chairman from 1922-1932. He was an Associate Justice of the New Jersey State Supreme Court from 1933-1959.



**Anne E. Thompson** – I would be remiss if I didn't list Judge Thompson as judicial royalty in this article, as I served as an Assistant Prosecutor under her from 1975-1979.

Although born in Philadelphia, she became an Assistant Deputy Public Defender in the Mercer-Somerset-Hunterdon Regions from 1967 to 1970. She was a Municipal Prosecutor for Lawrence Township from 1970-1972, Municipal Court Judge for the City of Trenton from 1972-1975 and Mercer County Prosecutor from 1975 to 1979.

On September 28, 1979, she was nominated by President Jimmy Carter to a seat on the United States District Court for New Jersey. She served as Chief Judge from 1994-2001 and assumed senior status on June 1, 2001. Judge Thompson was the first African-American female appointed to the Federal District Court in New Jersey.

Real judicial/legal royalty in Mercer County begins with the Katzenbach Family:  
Frank Snowden Katzenbach, Jr., Edward Lawrence Katzenbach & Nicholas de Belleville Katzenbach.



**Frank S. Katzenbach, Jr.** was born in Trenton in 1889, graduated from Princeton University and Columbia Law School. He was the Mayor of Trenton from 1902-1906. At the Democratic State Convention of 1907, he received his party's nomination for Governor. He lost to Republican John F. Fort.

He continued practicing law until 1920 when he was appointed an Associate Justice on the New Jersey Supreme Court. He served until his death in 1929. He is buried in the Ewing Church Cemetery.



**Edward L. Katzenbach** was born in 1878 in Trenton. He was the brother of Frank S. Katzenbach and the father of Nicholas Katzenbach. He was the New Jersey Attorney General from 1924-1929.

He graduated from Princeton University and Harvard Law School. From 1929 on, he lectured on politics at Princeton University. He was also on the Rutgers University Board of Trustees. He died in 1934 and is buried in the Ewing Church Cemetery.



**Nicholas de Belle Katzenbach** is clearly the most famous of the Katzenbach family. Although born in Philadelphia in 1922, he was from a prominent New Jersey family. His unusual middle name comes from a forbearer who served as a physician to Napoleon's brother.

Katzenbach faced down Alabama Governor George Wallace on the steps of the University of Alabama, he challenged the FBI over wiretapping of Martin Luther King, Jr. and was a trusted advisor to two Presidents. He wrote a brief supporting President Kennedy's decision to blockade Cuba during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. It was Katzenbach who insisted that the FBI investigation into the Kennedy assassination be made public to quell rumors that Lee Harvey Oswald was part of a conspiracy.

During WWII, he was a navigator on a B-25 bomber. On a mission in 1943, his plane was shot down over Germany and he was captured. He was liberated in March, 1945 from Stalag Luft 3 near Sagan Germany. He was awarded an Air Medal and three clusters. After the war he was a partner in the Trenton law firm of Kastzenbach, Gildea and Rudner.

In February 1965, President Lyndon Johnson picked him to be the U.S. Attorney General. He served for less than two years, feuding with FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover. He then served as Undersecretary of State of the remainder of the Johnson Administration.

Katzenbach then became Senior Vice President and Corporate Counsel to I.B.M. until 1986. He died in 2012 at age 90 in Skillman, N.J.

The heir apparents to the judicial royalty of the Katzenbach Family, is our own Hughes Family:  
Richard J. Hughes, John J. Hughes and J. Adam Hughes.



**Richard J. Hughes** was born in Florence, N.J. in 1909. As a lawyer, he served as Mercer County Democratic Chairman, was an Assistant U.S. Attorney, served on the Mercer County Court and later the Superior Court.

Hughes was the only person to serve as both Governor of New Jersey and Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court. He was elected Governor in 1961 and subsequently re-elected. In 1974, he was named Chief Justice and retired in 1979.



**John J. Hughes** is the son of Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes, served as a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey from 1991 to 2009. He has been and still is a loyal supporter of the Mercer County Bar Association and our Inn of Court.

From 1976 to 1991, he was the Assistant-in-Charge of the Camden-Trenton Region of the Office of the Federal Public Defender. Presently, he does mediations for JAMS.



**J. Adam Hughes** is the son of Judge John J. Hughes and grandson of Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes. He was appointed to our Bench in 2016 and is presently assigned to the Family Division.

As you can see, we can easily claim that Mercer County is second to none when it comes to the quality of our judges and lawyers. We have a rich tradition of competency, even judicial royalty which continues today.



**Deliver Lunch for Meals on Wheels  
of Mercer County**  
*Tuesday, November 14th*



**Serve at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen**  
*Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> - LUNCH*





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## Raising the Bar: Emerging Trends in Trial Presentation

*by: Roger S. Mitchell, Certified Civil Trial Attorney  
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The effects of the technology revolution within the practice of law are not limited to forensic breakthroughs like DNA reports. More recently the focus has shifted to computer-driven technologies and a growing demand to keep pace with digital case management and courtroom presentation techniques.

Below is a summary of recent developments in legal technology along with some basic details about software applications and where you can find them. This may help avoid the voluminous and frequently stale information available on the internet.

As far back as 1999, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts published the first Courtroom Technology Manual. You can view their most recent publication, Fiscal Year 2017 - Update of the Long Range Plan for Information Technology in the Federal Judiciary, at: <http://www.uscourts.gov/statistics-reports/publications/long-range-plan-information-technology>

To further advance use of courtroom technology, New Jersey's District Court has created a webpage on the subject at <http://www.njd.uscourts.gov/courtroom-technology>. The Bar is encouraged to take advantage of hardware devices made available for presentation of demonstrative evidence. Many trial lawyers, however, prefer to use their own equipment, particularly members of large firms with cases that justify the expense.

In Mercer County, the clerk's office will make available large flat-screen televisions on request to Kate Stott who can be reached at (609) 571-4314. The screens require use of an HDMI cable and adapter. It is recommended that you meet at the courthouse first to be sure your device will work with the TV.

Technology in the courtroom has become a standard part of our judicial system. Despite the availability of electronic technology, many trial lawyers still present exhibits to juries the old way, with the attendant threat of fumbling through papers, holding up photographs and passing numerous documents around the courtroom. Particularly in document intensive cases, this is outdated. It is also an inefficient use of the court's time. Lawyers must adapt or disadvantage themselves and their clients facing litigators suited-up with presentation technology.

Software substantially improves effectiveness and simplicity of presenting evidence in court. Embracing its strategic potential, lawyers can distinguish themselves from their peers, adding value as advocates while enjoying the competitive edge that software provides.

Good trial presentation software enables trial lawyers to streamline the preparation and presentation process. It is easy to organize and customize exhibits on the fly, such as adding deposition video clips with transcript references and presenting documents or mixed media from a laptop computer, tablet or iPad.

For any trial, but especially for complex or document-intensive trials, the use of presentation software, such as inData's Trial Director® or Lexis Nexis' Sanction® can be a valuable asset. A consultant may be necessary. A competent presentation software consultant with good skills can help make a strong presentation supporting the legal contentions of the party as argued by counsel to the court. This bolsters the presentation. Knowing that the logistics, including design and creation of graphics and animations, editing, synching video to scrolling text and setting up electronic equipment are being managed by a skilled consultant, permits counsel to focus more intently on advocacy without being distracted by the mechanics of the presentation itself.

It is always a good idea to walk the court and your adversary through any animation prepared by your consultant to avoid confusion and potential objections. In this context, the word animation is jargon to describe a video depiction of how something should be done versus how it was done. Preparation is the key to success. Much like a rehearsal you must prepare in advance to ensure a good show.

TrialDirector® (for Windows & iPad) was the first major trial presentation software application on the market. inData first launched TrialDirector® in 1996. Since that time, courtroom technology has continued to revolutionize the process by which lawyers present to fact finders. Pack up your entire case and then simply unpack it on your laptop at trial. The newest version, TrialDirector 6, costs \$795 plus \$159 maintenance per year. TrialDirector® currently supports desktop and tablet installations on systems running Windows 7, 8.1 or 10 (excluding Windows 8 RT or Parallels) and for iPad applications on devices running iOS 9 & 10. You can learn more details and purchase TrialDirector 6 at [indatacorp.com/TrialDirector.html](http://indatacorp.com/TrialDirector.html)

Sanction® (for Mac & PC) by Lexis Nexis is a digital trial preparation and presentation software application used by the U.S. Department of Justice and many law firms throughout the country. Sanction® costs \$895 which includes unlimited technical support. To learn more about Sanction®, and to get your free, 30-day trial, go to <http://help.lexisnexis.com/litigation/ac/sanction/SN4/index.html?welcome.htm>

PowerPoint by Microsoft is a professional presentation software program which has been the standard presentation application used by lawyers and others for decades. PowerPoint provides competitive tools for electronic trial presentations. As with more sophisticated applications, a variety of media formats like graphics, photos, animations, spreadsheets, audio and video can be imported using PowerPoint for display in court. Unlike TrialDirector® and Sanction®, PowerPoint is not specifically designed for use by the legal profession to organize and manage litigation but continues to be useful for presentation. You can purchase PowerPoint for Office 2016 on the internet for \$109.99.

An accelerated demand for CLE programs like iPad for Litigators, indicates that a growing number of trial lawyers are using devices like iPads and laptops to present cases in the courtroom. According to the ABA, programs like these have drawn standing-room-only crowds across the country.

Best Practice Tips for Electronic Trial Presentation by Derek Miller, Chief Executive Officer & President of inData Corporation recommend specific hardware to facilitate use of TrialDirector. No doubt, there are numerous competitors offering advice on hardware and software to facilitate the use of their programs. One thing is clear, electronic presentations are here to stay, so you better get up to speed, so you are not outclassed by your adversaries.

## CENTRAL JERSEY LEGAL SERVICES VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT

### Thank You!

Central Jersey Legal Services would like to thank the attorneys participating in the Volunteer Lawyers Project who have accepted one or more cases this year:

Patricia Agoes  
Timothy Duggan  
Robin Echevarria  
Andrew Ferencevych  
Lawrence Fox  
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## CRIMINAL DIVISION STATISTICS

*Judge Peter E. Warshaw, P.J. Cr.*

Post indictment backlog as of January 2016 was 944 cases. As of August 2017, the number has gone down to 250 cases.

In May 2016, jail cases over 700 days old was 54. As of August 2017, that number was down to 32.

Credit for this reduction goes to the professionalism of the Public Defender's Office, the Prosecutor's Office and the private bar.





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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

### **MERCER COUNTY CLERK SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES SESSION AT TRENTON SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**

October is the month of Trenton Business Week, which this year the Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello will be participating in with an informational session at Trenton City Hall on the small business services offered through the Office of the Mercer County Clerk. This small business service informational session is a partnership with the Mayor's Office and the Trenton Office of Economic Development and will take place at 2:00pm on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> in the Trenton City Hall Annex first floor Conference Room.

Registration of small business names and the swearing in of notary publics are among the business services offered by the Mercer County Clerk's Office. Small business registration, while not legally required, will protect the name of your business against all competitors. Furthermore, if another person is trying to operate under the same business name, the party that registered the name of his or her business is the rightful owner. Moreover, banks generally require all businesses to register a trade name before they will allow the owners to open a business checking account. In recent years, many local banks have been making this a firm requirement.

In her informational session on October 18th, the Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello will go over how small business registration differs from incorporating a business, how to register a business, and the benefits from doing so, in addition to providing an overview of the other services, including Passport application processing and the process of becoming a Notary. A small business owner can take advantage of these all through the Office of the Mercer County Clerk. The County Clerk's business informational session will be immediately followed by the Trenton City Clerk's informational session on Business Permits and Procurement.

Interested attendees are encouraged to pre-register at: <https://tinyurl.com/TrentonBusinessWeek2017>

All filings and registrations can be done by visiting the Office of the Mercer County Clerk at 240 West State Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, in Trenton during regular business hours. We are also open late on Wednesday evenings until 6:45, for your convenience. For more details on small business trade names, please visit our website at [www.mercercounty.org](http://www.mercercounty.org) and then click on County Clerk and then Office Services.

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### **Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello Announces Vote-By-Mail Applications**

**TRENTON-** Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello announced that all registered voters will receive a Vote-by-Mail application as part of Mercer County's latest initiative to raise voter participation across all districts.



Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello at the Press Conference (*center left in blue*) with her Deputy Walker Worthy, Jr. (*outer right in suit*), and Freeholders Lucy Walter and Anne Cannon (*left-right*)

"I hope that by allowing voters more flexibility in when and how they vote, that more people will engage in our elections and have their voices heard," remarked Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello of the new voting initiative. "I am glad that the County Executive and the Board of Chosen Freeholders have given me their full support in undertaking this important effort to raise voter participation and the quality of our democratic process in Mercer County."

Vote-by-Mail applications have been sent out, with return postage, to all registered Mercer County voters who are not already signed up to receive the November General Election Vote-by-Mail Ballots. Voters have the option of using this application to receive a Vote-by-Mail Ballot at their convenience. Filling out and applying for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot is not necessary and interested voters are still able and encouraged to go to their assigned polling location and vote in person.

Additionally, the Mercer County Clerk's Office at 240 West State Street in Trenton will have extended hours Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 10-2pm, Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9-1pm, and Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10-2pm in order to allow residents more flexibility and time to turn in their Vote-by-Mail applications in person.

The last presidential election had some of the lowest voter turn-out in history, with only about 55% of voting age citizens participating and less than 60% of registered voters casting a ballot. As a result, States are thinking of other options to encourage voter participation in our democratic process. New Jersey is no exception to these trends with only 12% of eligible registered voters turning out to cast votes in the 2017 Primary election. Out of the 230,000 registered voters in Mercer County, less than 14% turned out to vote in the 2017 Primary, despite there being a gubernatorial race leading the ballot.

As a result, in order to encourage flexibility, accessibility, and raise democratic participation in the election process, Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello, with the support of the Mercer County Executive and the Board of Chosen Freeholders, held a Press Conference on July 19<sup>th</sup> to announce her new Vote-by-Mail pilot initiative.

Other New Jersey counties that have undertaken similar Vote-by-Mail efforts have been Middlesex, Camden, and Bergen counties. Mercer is the latest to encourage wide-spread Vote-by-Mail applications.

For any questions or to request a Vote-by-Mail application, please contact either the Mercer County Clerk's Main Office at 609-989-6820 or the Mercer County Clerk's Office of Elections at 609-989-6494.

Vote-by-Mail applications also are available on the web at [www.mercercounty.org/countyclerk](http://www.mercercounty.org/countyclerk) in both English and Spanish. Applications in 5 other languages are available at <http://www.njelections.org/voting-information-vote-by-mail.html>.

# Calendar

<b>October 19, 2017</b>	<b>Municipal Bench Bar Ewing Township Municipal Court 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>October 25, 2017</b>	<b>WLC Yoga - Honor Yoga</b>
<b>October 26, 2017</b>	<b>YLC Bowling Event - Colonial Bowling</b>
<b>November 2, 2017</b>	<b>Professionalism Day - Judge Jacobson's Courtroom 3:45 p.m.</b>
<b>November 2, 2017</b>	<b>November General Membership Meeting &amp; Awards Ceremony Mountain View Country Club</b>
<b>November 6, 2017</b>	<b>State Bar Night &amp; Wine Tasting - Hopewell Valley Golf &amp; Country Club</b>
<b>November 6, 2017</b>	<b>Family Bench Bar - Judge Fitzpatrick's Courtroom 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>November 9, 2017</b>	<b>Trustees Meeting - Freddie's Tavern</b>
<b>November 9, 2017</b>	<b>Lawyers Care</b>
<b>November 14, 2017</b>	<b>Xtreme CLE</b>
<b>November 29, 2017</b>	<b>Civil Bench Bar - Judge Hurd's Courtroom 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>December 7, 2017</b>	<b>Holiday Party - Trenton Country Club</b>
<b>December 14, 2017</b>	<b>Lawyers Care</b>

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**XTREME CLE**  
**November 14, 2017**

**Session I - Includes Breakfast - 8:00 am – 9:45 am**

- 1) Real Estate: Surveying, The Good, The Bad & The Ugly  
 Moderators - *Lauren Plump, Ruth Sadankas & Adam Bendinsky, P.L.S.*
- 2) Ethics—Nuts & Bolts of Attorney Discipline Moderators- *Timothy McNamara, Esq. & Barbara Galati*
- 3) Tax Law—Introduction to International Estate Planning  
 Moderator- *Patrick McCormick, Esq.*

**Session II - Includes Lunch - 10:00 am – 11:45 am**

- 1) Real Estate II - Mold 101 Moderator - *Tiffany Byrne*
- 2) Immigration—Removal Trial of Superman Moderator – *Ryan Lilienthal, Esq.*
- 3) Nuts & Bolts of Arbitration Moderator – *Honorable Linda R. Feinberg (ret.)*

**Session III - Includes Lunch - 12:00 pm – 1:45 pm**

- 1) Social Security Disability Primer Moderator - *Douglas Greene, Esq.*
- 2) 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Criminal Law Update Moderator – *Timothy McNamara, Esq.*
- 3) Practice Issues & Changes in Probate & Estate Administration  
 Moderators – *Robert Morris, Esq. & Rebecca Esmi, Esq.*

**Session IV - Includes Lunch - 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm**

- 1) Ethics—Lawyers’ Wellbeing and the Practice of Law  
 Moderator – *Rina Marks*
- 2) Cyber Security: For Your Law Office & Clients Moderator – *Angelo A. Stio, III, Esq.*
- 3) 2017 Land Use Update Moderator - *Honorable Linda R. Feinberg (ret.)*

**Session V - Includes Dinner - 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm**

- 1) Municipal Court Practices Moderator – *Robert Ramsey, Esq.*
- 2) Worker’s Compensation: Hot Topics in Pain Management and Case Law Update  
 Moderators – *Brian Shea, Esq. & Sam Toma, Esq.*
- 3) Bankruptcy Basics Moderators – *Ross Switkes, Esq. & Thomas Onder, Esq.*

**Session VI - Includes Dinner - 6:15 pm – 8:00 pm**

- 1) Do You Know What You Don’t Know About Dividing Retirement Accounts?  
 Moderator – *Jennifer Zoschak, Esq.*
- 2) Criminal Law with Attorney General Porrino Moderator – *Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo Onofri, Esq.*
- 3) Civil Law Update Moderators – *Colleen Crocker, Esq. & Craig Hubert, Esq.*



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