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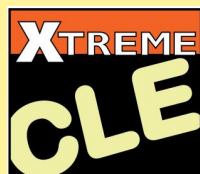
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Upcoming Events

**Save the date:
Xtreme CLE is scheduled for
October 17, 2019**



From the

Spring has sprung! That means that it is awards season for the Mercer County Bar Association. The Awards Committee met during April to discuss the numerous candidates for the MCBA's annual awards: Nizolek, O'Malley, Community Partner, Young Lawyer. All prior award winners are invited to attend and participate in this annual meeting. As the 2005 Young Lawyer award recipient, I have the privilege of participating in this meeting. Every year, I continue to be amazed by the number of deserving members who are considered for these awards. Every year, I am increasingly humbled to be counted among the incredible people—for they are recognized for qualities that transcend being lawyers—who have received these awards. The profession, the community and the Association all benefit in myriad ways from the tireless efforts of the past, present and future award recipients.

Each award recognizes the recipient not solely for her or his acumen as a lawyer; rather, the recipient is recognized for the qualities they possess and exhibit as a person, both in their practice of law and treatment of others. Michael Nizolek passed away before I started practicing law. At the Awards Committee meeting when we discuss potential recipients of the Nizolek Award, the focus is on those human qualities that Mr. Nizolek exhibited toward fellow practitioners, judges, litigants and members of the public. I first met Harry O'Malley as a young lawyer who was assigned to serve as the attorney for an alleged incompetent person. Mr. O'Malley gave freely and willingly of his time to help me understand my charge. He did so again numerous times over the years for me and countless others. When we discussed potential recipients of the O'Malley Award this year, their



Brian J. Duff, Esq.

respective willingness to volunteer their time to help fellow members of the bar and the public was the thrust of the discourse. The Young Lawyer Award recognizes a less-experienced member whose personal qualities and service to the Association and community, though over a shorter time, are similar to those of Mr. Nizolek and Mr. O'Malley. The Community Partner Award is awarded to a person, firm or entity whose efforts have benefitted the Mercer County community over a number of years. One of the things I have most enjoyed during my term was calling each recipient to inform them that they are this year's winner. It is my honor to announce the 2019 MCBA award recipients:

Craig J. Hubert is this year's Nizolek Award recipient. Craig was quite humbled, and dare I say, speechless, when I gave him the news. For me, there was a heartfelt element of things coming full circle in having the good fortune to tell Craig that he is this year's Nizolek recipient. Back in 2005, when Craig was the MCBA President, he got to call me to inform me that I was the 2005 Young Lawyer recipient!

The Honorable F. Lee Forrester, J.S.C.

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(ret.), is this year's O'Malley Award recipient. Judge Forrester has maintained the same tireless pace and effort on behalf of the juvenile justice system as when he was on the bench. In the spirit of Harry O'Malley, he now does so in a volunteer capacity.

Jessica A. Wilson is this year's Young Lawyer Award recipient. Jessica has consistently increased her areas of responsibility and leadership with the MCBA. She chairs the "Hey, I'm 18!" Committee, and serves as co-chair of the Mock Trial and Young Lawyers Committees. Her efforts on her various committees resulted in her being selected as a Trustee this year. Though I recused myself from the Young Lawyer award discussion to avoid any appearance of impropriety, I am proud to have Jess as our associate at KMH&L. The MCBA and community can look forward to continued leadership and service from her in the years to come!

The Mercer County Prosecutor's Office is the Community Partner Award recipient. Under MCBA Immediate Past President Angelo Onofri's sound stewardship, the Prosecutor's Office consistently organizes and sponsors diverse programs that help the Mercer County community. Whether it be the KITES program, book drives for children, or Safe Stop for area high schools—just to name a few—our community benefits from Angelo's willingness to have his staff dedicate their time and talent to the varied projects spearheaded by the Prosecutor's Office. Angelo leads by doing. You'll see him at any number of these programs with his sleeves rolled up, and participating in a meaningful way. The Prosecutor's Office is also generous with its

monetary support of numerous MCBA programs and functions.

I am excited to inform you that the Nizolek, O'Malley and Community Partner Awards will be given at the Dinner Dance, which will be held on November 2, 2019. The Young Lawyer Award will be given at the annual Judges and Law Clerks Dinner, which will be held on September 25, 2019. I hope you will join me at both events to congratulate Craig, Judge Forrester, Jessica and the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office.

Looking back at March 2019, the annual Bench-Bar Ethics Luncheon was held on March 13, 2019. The event addressed attorney wellness and its impact on professionalism and ethics. We were privileged to have the MCBA's own Judge Linda Feinberg as our moderator. We were also privileged to have William Kane and Noreen Braman from New Jersey's Lawyer Assistance Program. I think all who attended came away better equipped to handle the stressors that impact us in our practices and personal lives. We definitely saw the benefit of being able to laugh at ourselves!

On the calendar for April are the Annual Mercer County Bar Foundation Wine and Dine event on April 12, 2019, and the Multi-County Bar Association Karaoke Contest hosted by the Middlesex County Bar Association on April 15, 2019. At our May 21, 2019 General Membership Meeting at the Hamilton Hilton Garden, we honor our members who have been admitted to practice at least 50 years. I hope to report to you on the success of these events in my next column.



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Thank you, Doris M. Galuchie, Esq. By, The Honorable Sarah J. Crowley, ALJ

First Assistant Prosecutor Doris M. Galuchie, one of Mercer County's leading prosecutors, retired last month after three decades of service to the office. Galuchie began her career with the Mercer County Prosecutor's office as an intern after her second year of law school, then began as a full-time prosecutor after graduation, serving under Prosecutors Paul T. Koenig, Jr., Maryann K. Bielamowicz, Daniel G. Giaquinto, Joseph L. Bocchini, Jr., and Angelo J. Onofri. Galuchie stated that her "passion always lied in prosecution, and that it was an added honor and privilege to prosecute in the county where [she] has lived for most of [her] life." She prosecuted many high-profile cases and was well-regarded by the judiciary and her adversaries. Galuchie upheld a real sense of service, a belief in the rule of law, and an unwavering practice of prosecuting with fairness and humility.

Prosecutor Onofri reflected that "she was a brilliant trial attorney, a friend and confidant, and her retirement is a tremendous loss to the office. This office and Mercer County owe a debt of gratitude for all that she has done for the citizens of this great county. Attorneys on both sides of the bar respect Doris and regard her as a mentor, friend, and confidant." Nick C. Travisano, Esquire, noted that Galuchie was "knowledgeable, always prepared, and treated everyone around her with respect; victims, law enforcement, and defense attorneys alike. She will be missed by her colleagues in the prosecutor's office as well as the defense bar." Defense attorney Robin Lord expressed similar accolades for Galuchie, stating that she was "one of the best prosecutors [she] came across in the courtroom. [Galuchie] was very shrewd, intelligent, and the MCPO will not be the same without her."

In addition to practicing attorneys, Judge Maria Marinari Sypek reflected upon Galuchie's court appearances. "In my years on the Criminal Bench, I was always confident when Prosecutor Galuchie was on the case, that the matter would be handled professionally due to her intelligence, practical approach, and preparedness. Ms. Galuchie used her talents, including her sense of humor, to assure a just

and fair outcome for every case. She is a wonderful role model for both men and women on how to perform as a prosecutor with strength and a good heart."

The Bar Association thanks Doris for her service to Mercer County and wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.



**Retired First Assistant Mercer County
Prosecutor, Doris M. Galuchie.**

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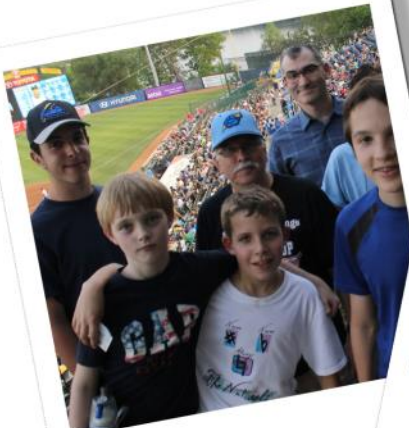
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Mercer County Clerk's Update

By Paula Sollami Covello, Esq.

Return Postage to be Covered on Fire, Primary, General Ballots

Postage will now be paid for on all vote-by-mail ballots for all future fire district, primary, and general elections, per a request by Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello. Previously, only mail-in ballots for general elections were paid for by the county and voters had to bear the cost for postage in other elections.

Sollami Covello was granted approval for the paid postage by the Mercer County Freeholder Board in March to pay for these as part of her office's County budget. "The Freeholders have been strong supporters in removing obstacles to voting," the County Clerk said. "This is a step in the right direction for the voting residents of Mercer County."

Vote-by-mail ballots for the general election are marked in the upper right corner with a note specifying that postage is not necessary if mailed in the United States. Going forward, all future fire district and primary ballots will be marked with the same notification.

The "Vote by Mail" law was enacted in New Jersey in 2009, changing the laws for what was once known as an "absentee" ballot, and allowing people to use a mail-in ballot for any reason.

The 2019 deadline to mail in a vote-by-mail ballot for the Primary Election is May 28. For the General, the deadline is October 29. Of course, voters may also walk into the County Clerk's office to submit their vote-by-mail ballots up until 3 PM on the day before each election.

Additional information on how to vote by mail can be seen by visiting
<http://www.mercercounty.org/government/county-clerk/elections>.

Alternatively, those with questions can call the office at 609-989-6494.





*The Mercer County Bar Association cordially invites you to honor our esteemed members with
50 years or more admission to the Bar of the State of New Jersey.*

Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Hilton Garden Hamilton
800 US Highway 130
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Program Booklet Congratulatory Messages

Messages to honor the evening's honorees will be included in our program booklet. Please check the size message and return it with your payment and attached message by May 14, 2019. If you are unable to attend the dinner, you can still pay tribute to them by placing a message in the program booklet. Pricing for the program book:

Full page	\$350
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May 21, 2019

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By: Douglas H. Hurd, PJ.Cv. and
Judith Irizarry, Civil Division Manager

The Affidavit of Merit Statute (“AMS”), N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-26 to -29, became effective in 1995. The New Jersey Supreme Court has considered the AMS 18 times, most recently in *A.T. v. Cohen*, 231 N.J. 337 (2017), where Justice LaVecchia mandated the implementation of new rules which require judiciary administrators to (1) notify parties litigating professional malpractice claims of their statutory obligations to file affidavits of merit and (2) schedule hearings to determine whether those affidavits are satisfactory. Court Rule 4:5B-4, “Professional Malpractice Case Management” (effective September 1, 2018), enacted in response to *A.T. v. Cohen*, creates a procedure in all malpractice cases in order to avoid protracted Affidavit of Merit (“AOM”) litigation.

Also in response to the Supreme Court’s decision, the New Jersey Judiciary electronic filing system, eCourts, was enhanced to provide notice to plaintiffs of the statutory requirement to file an AOM within 60 days (or 120 days with leave of the court) of the filing of the answer to a professional malpractice case. The notice includes the date by which the AOM is due and a statement indicating that: “the filing of the Affidavit of Merit is necessary to avoid dismissal of the complaint with prejudice.” The notification occurs automatically upon filing of the answer to the complaint or counterclaim. If the AOM is not filed within 50 days of the answer, a second notice is automatically generated by eCourts. The system will not generate the notice in instances where an AOM or an Order to Waive the AOM is filed.

In past years, court staff relied on system generated reports to identify cases with answers filed where a Ferreira conference or case management conference was required. An additional feature added to the eCourts application consists of an automated message to court staff for professional malpractice claims. Upon review of the filed Answer in these cases, staff is alerted to schedule the Ferreira conference. When the Ferreira conference is scheduled, a notice to all parties is generated

containing the details of judge, date and time of the conference. These conferences are scheduled to take place within 90 days of the filing of the answer and are designed to address discovery issues as well as the adequacy of the AOM and the qualifications of the affiant.

While the application was enhanced to provide members of the public with access to case information and documents filed through eCourts, self-represented litigants are not able to file documents or receive notices through the electronic system. Due to this limitation, attorneys and the Court must continue the practice of serving all correspondence, papers and notices by traditional methods of service to pro se litigants. In Mercer, approximately 3% of professional malpractice cases have pro se plaintiffs.

In order to assist the filer, the application does provide a notice, in each instance when a document is submitted, of parties that will not receive an electronic notice of the filing. This allows the filer to easily identify which parties need to be served in paper to comply with service requirements.

In the past three years, an average of 81 professional malpractice cases per year were filed in the Mercer Civil Division. As of the end of January a total of 41 cases have been filed in the 2019 court year which will end on June 30, 2019. Mercer Civil has an active caseload of 142 professional malpractice cases at this time. An average of 92 professional malpractice cases are resolved each year.

Any questions about civil case management processing and scheduling procedures can be directed to the Mercer Civil Division Case Management Office at 609-571-4200, extension 76019.



Streamlining Jury Management Through Technology

The Mercer vicinage will soon be taking steps to improve the juror experience by exploring technological advances in the area of jury management. Some of these improvements have already been made in other New Jersey counties, and may prove to be a significant step toward improving the juror experience in Mercer County.

One such area involves grand jury voting. Traditionally, grand jurors vote on indictments by deliberating, followed with a vote by a raise of hands. The result is documented, and reports are manually created and printed by the court clerk. This observable voting process has the potential to affect juror decision making and influence juror voting.

Mercer is investigating how electronic voting software could lessen the obviousness of juror votes by making the process more anonymous. Several other counties have already successfully implemented electronic voting in their grand jury courtrooms. Electronic voting software involves assigning each grand juror a hand-held remote device, which is used to cast a vote for or

against indictment. Jurors vote in secret, and the votes are tallied electronically and displayed to the court clerk. Not only is electronic voting reported to make the process more efficient in terms of reports, it may reduce any anxiety jurors may feel when voting.

Another new change coming to Mercer in 2019 is the implementation of the new Jury Management System (JMS). Jury Management offices across the state will be implementing this new software this year, which will replace the legacy system. JMS will reduce Judiciary costs by utilizing increased electronic communications with jurors, including text and email communications, in lieu of traditional mail. In addition, jury summonses will be sent in postcard format, instructing jurors to respond online. Those that do not respond online within a specified time period will be mailed a questionnaire. The Mercer vicinage anticipates using this new system in May 2019.



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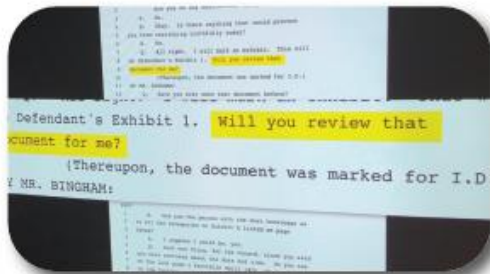
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2019 Calendar of Events

April

- Wednesday, April 25th: Municipal Bench Bar, Ewing Township Municipal Court @ 3:30 p.m.

May

- Collect children's new and used books for summer distribution
- Wednesday, May 15th: Chancery Bench Bar and Estate Litigation CLE, Judge Jacobson's Courtroom, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 21st: May General Membership Meeting and Jubilee, Hamilton Hilton Garden Inn, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
- Thursday, May 23rd: Family Bench Bar, Judge Fitzpatrick's Courtroom @ 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 31st: Trenton Thunder Family Night in the Yankee Club Room with a picnic menu and cash bar. Additional information to come.

June

- Collect children's new and used books for summer distribution
- Saturday, June 1st: MCBA YLC Charity Softball Game @ Veterans Park (Hamilton) (details to follow)
- Wednesday, June 12th: Serve lunch at TASK @ 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 19th: MCBA Golf Outing at Mercer Oaks Golf Course (details to follow)
- Thursday, June 27th: Municipal Bench Bar, Ewing Township Municipal Court @ 3:30 p.m.

July

- Thursday, July 18th: Family Bench Bar, Judge Fitzpatrick's Courtroom @ 3:30 p.m.

September

- Wednesday, September 18th: Serve lunch at TASK @ 10:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 19th: Family Bench Bar, Judge Fitzpatrick's Courtroom @ 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 26th: Judges and Law Clerks Reception at Mercer Oaks. 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. (details to follow.)

October

- Collect new and used coats
- Thursday, October 17th: XTREME CLE at Mercer County Community College (details to follow)
- Thursday, October 24th, Municipal Bench Bar, Ewing Township Municipal Court @ 3:30 p.m.

November

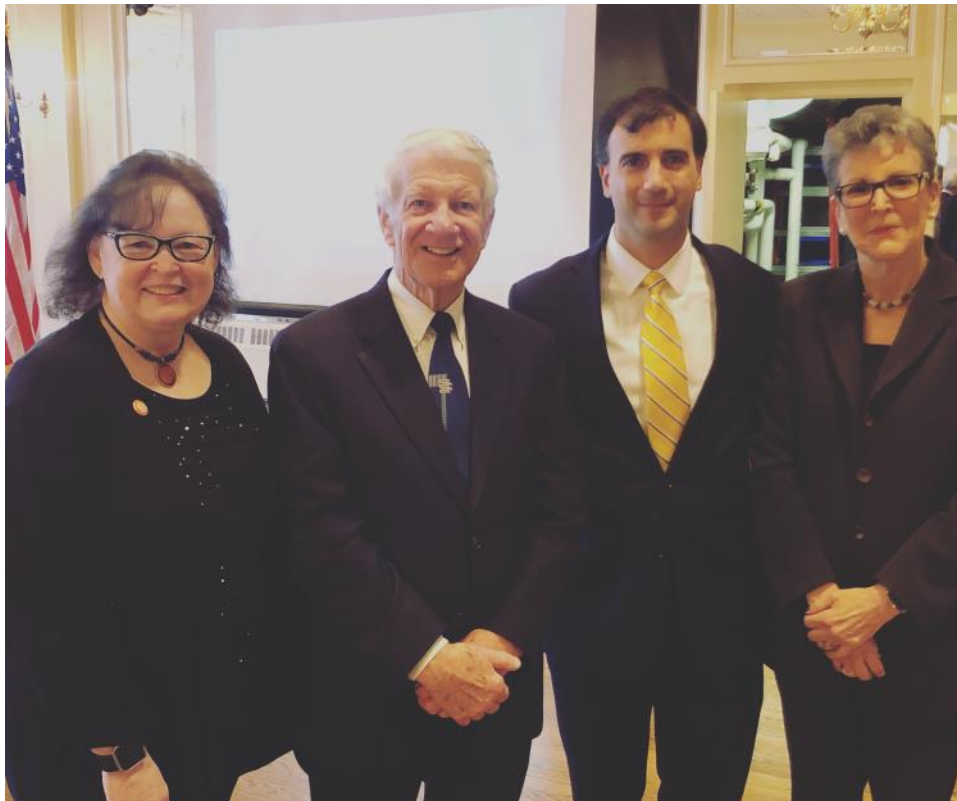
- Collect new and used coats
- Saturday, November 2nd: Dinner Dance, Awards Ceremony and General Membership Meeting, Trenton Country Club, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (details to follow)
- Thursday, November 21st: Family Bench Bar, Judge Fitzpatrick's Courtroom @ 3:30 p.m..

December

- Thursday, December 5th: Serve lunch at TASK @ 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 10th: MCBA Annual Holiday Party, Trenton Country Club @ 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Bench Bar Luncheon 3/13/19

On March 13, 2019, the MCBA hosted its 19th Annual Bench Bar Luncheon at the Trenton Country Club. Mercer County judges, lawyers, and law clerks gathered to learn and participate in the interactive program, “Lawyer Well Being and Its Effect on Professionalism and Ethics,” which was presented by William John Kane, Esq. and Noreen Braman of the New Jersey Lawyers Assistance Program, Ray Ortiz, Esq., and moderated by the Honorable Linda R. Feinberg, A.J.S.C. (Ret.). Consistent with MCBA President Brian Duff’s platform, the program focused on the significance of mental wellness in the practice of law and provided attendees with practical strategies to achieve balance personally and professionally. Thank you to the presenters and attendees for making this year’s Luncheon another wonderful success.



From left to right: New Jersey Lawyers Assistance Program Manager Noreen Braman; Executive Director, New Jersey Lawyers Assistance Program William John Kane, Esq.; Mercer County Bar Association President Brian J. Duff, Esq.; and event moderator the Honorable Linda R. Feinberg, A.J.S.C. (Ret.).



The Mercer County Bar Association
Young Lawyers Committee (YLC)

SOFTBALL



Join the Young Lawyers Committee for a day of food, fun, and co-ed softball ...
where athletic skill is purely optional!

SATURDAY, June 1, 2019 11:30 am - 4:30 pm

This event is free to all!

*Please consider making a donation to support the 2019 YLC Charity,
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BBQ catered by Fred and Pete's Deli

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Event is rain or shine.



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2019 YLC SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FORM

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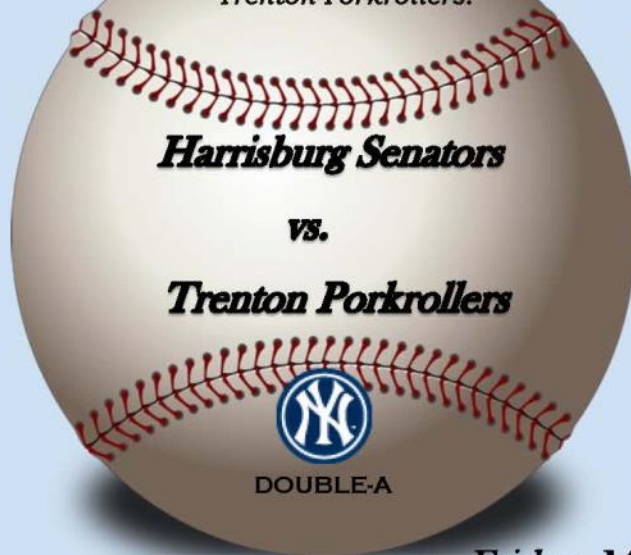
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The Mercer County Bar Association

*Presents an Evening with the
Trenton Porkrollers.*



Friday, May 31, 2019

*Yankee Club Room Luxury Suite behind home plate
with outdoor seating area.*

Picnic menu and cash bar. Door opens at 5:45 p.m.

The first 1,500 fans receive a Louis Severino Bobblehead!

Bring your family and join friends & colleagues for an extraordinary fun-filled evening of Trenton Thunder Baseball.

All tickets must be purchased in advance by 5/24/19

Children (0-3) Free Adults & children: \$36.00

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Trenton Thunder

May 31, 2019

7:00pm

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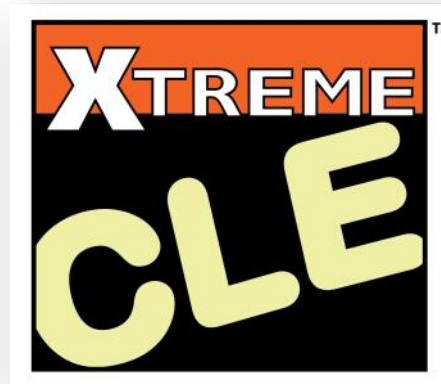
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Mock Trial 2019

By, Jessica A. Wilson, Esq.

On January 19, 2019, the annual Mercer County Tournament for the New Jersey State Bar Foundation Mock Trial Competition was held at the Civil Courthouse. We had twelve schools from the county compete in three rounds of competition. Competing this year were Hamilton High School West, Hightstown High School, Marshall Academy, Nottingham High School, Peddie School, Princeton Day School, Princeton High School, Princeton International School of Math and Science, Steinert High School, Stuart Country Day School, The Lawrenceville School, and West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South.

Students were coached by a combination of teachers from their respective schools and attorney volunteers serving as legal advisors to the teams. The Mercer County Bar Association would like to recognize the following attorneys that volunteered their time to serve as coaches: Angelo Stio, Melissa Chudrewicz, Ken Thayer, Jill Cohen, Brandon Simmons, Monica Martini, Kathy Flicker, Michael Rosenberg, Scott Rosenberg, Deborah Hay, Jamie Epstein, Deirdre Smith, Ed Gore, Robert Lagay, Jodie Bouer, Lydia Fabbro Keephart, and Christopher Mehno. All of these attorneys took time and worked with the various schools for several months on the case in preparation for the tournament.

The morning rounds were highly impressive and very competitive. The four teams that moved on to the semi-finals in the afternoon of the 19th were: Marshall Academy, Princeton International School of Math and Science, Peddie School and The Lawrenceville School. Marshall Academy and The Lawrenceville School were the victors of the semi-finals who moved onto the final round. On January 23, 2019 the County final round was held at the Criminal Courthouse where the Honorable William Anklowitz, J.S.C. and the Honorable Peter E. Warshaw, P.J.C.P. volunteered to serve as judges. After an extremely close trial The Lawrenceville School was victorious and moved on to represent Mercer County in the Regional Competition which was held at the Law Center in New Brunswick on February 7, 2019. Unfortunately, The Lawrenceville School was defeated at the regional level by Oratory

from Union County.

The Mercer County Bar Association and I would like to personally thank the following attorneys for serving as volunteer judges for the competition: The Honorable Ronald Susswein, J.S.C., The Honorable Brian McLaughlin, J.S.C., The Honorable William Anklowitz, J.S.C., The Honorable Peter E. Warshaw, P.J.C.P., Tony Apicelli, Narline Casimir, Bill Haumann, Dennis Williams, Ed Kahn, Sam Toma, Mary Lou Delahanty, Jim Scott, Joe Paravecchia, John Boyle, Rebecca Faulkner, and Margaret Chipowsky. The competition would not have been a success without you and I appreciate you coming out early on a Saturday morning to volunteer for the Mercer County Bar Association. Many thanks also to the Mercer County Sheriff, Mercer County Judiciary General Operations Division, especially Jay Meehan and Letita Davis, Mercer County court staff volunteers and the Honorable Mary Jacobson, A.J.S.C., for letting us utilize the various courthouses and assisting us on the competition days!



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