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From the President's Desk.....

This will be my last column as the President of the Mercer County Bar Association. This has been an amazing year and I have enjoyed every minute. First, I would like to thank our Executive Director, Samantha Iraca, for her brilliant management of the MCBA. Samantha not only expanded our membership base but also increased our community partner sponsorships and has put us on firm financial footing. This year would not have been possible or as fun without her. From the bottom of my heart, thank you, Samantha.

Our MCBA staff, Alberta, Sandy, Paulette and Carol, are second to none. They are amazing women who give their all to make sure all of our members and the public have a positive experience when interacting with the MCBA. Thank you, ladies, it has been my honor to work with you.



Angelo J. Onofri, Esq.

Reflecting on this past year, I am very proud of our accomplishments and just how much Mercer County lawyers care about the community in which they live and work. From the expungement session where our lawyers assisted nearly 100 people in navigating the expungement process, to the thousands of books that were collected for the Trenton schools, to the coat drive, summer camp and the monthly sessions at the Mercer County Connection, Mercer County lawyers have shown how much they care. The Mercer County Bar Foundation, under the very capable leadership of Tanya Phillips, continued its

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philanthropic work in 2018-2019, supporting the Special Olympics of New Jersey, Mercer County Sunshine Foundation, Newgrange School, TASK, One Simple Wish and Meals on Wheels. Again, this is yet another example of how much Mercer County lawyers care.

One of the privileges of being the MCBA President is to recognize those lawyers and community partners who have gone above and beyond in service to our organization. It was my honor to present Ross Switkes with the Young Lawyer of the Year Award; Judge Phil Carchman with the Professional Lawyer of the Year Award; Judge Maria Sypek with the Michael Nizolek Award; and Art Laurenti with the Community Partner Award. Brian Duff, our incoming President, presented Francis St. John with the inaugural Harry O'Malley

award for pro bono service.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as the MCBA President. It was a year that I will never forget and will remember fondly. I wish Brian a very successful term and all the best to James Creegan, Tanya Phillips, Mike Kahme and Margaret Chipowsky. The MCBA is in good hands.



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Some Highlights of the (Amended) Path to a Fresh Start

By Darlene J. Pereksta, J.S.C. and James L. McCarrick

Effective October 1, 2018, the amended Expungement of Records statute, N.J.S.A. §2C:52 et seq., revises the procedure for expunging criminal records. In amending the statute, the New Jersey Legislature seeks to make expungements more widely available and ultimately lift barriers to employment faced by people with minimal criminal records. Changes include a shortened waiting period for expungement eligibility, as well as an increased number of convictions that may be expunged.

N.J.S.A. §2C:52-2 is worthy of special note due to its sweeping changes. In this updated section of the amended statute, the statutory waiting period for expungement of an indictable conviction has been reduced from ten years to six. The revised statute also allows the grant of an expungement to those who have met the six-year waiting period, but who still owe fines or restitution that remain unsatisfied for reasons other than "willful noncompliance." When these conditions are met, the Court will either provide for the continued collection of fines owed or will enter a civil judgment for the outstanding amount. Regarding a petitioner who owes fines, restitution or other court-ordered assessments and has been put on a payment schedule, but who has not complied with such schedule, N.J.S.A. §2C:52-23.1(b) allows the Court to nullify the expungement until the petitioner complies with the court-ordered payments, provided that appropriate due process and opportunity to comply have been afforded to the petitioner.

N.J.S.A. §2C:52-2 allows an individual who has been convicted of an indictable offense up to three, rather than two, disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons convictions to obtain an expungement. Expungement for more than one indictable conviction is permitted under two circumstances: when the indictable offenses are listed in a single judgment of conviction; or, when the convictions are "interdependent or closely related" to one another.

Regarding an individual who has not been convicted of an indictable offense, N.J.S.A. §2C:52-3(b) increases the limit of disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons convictions a person may have from three to four. A person with multiple disorderly persons convictions or petty disorderly persons convictions (or a combination of the two)

is also eligible for expungement under the same two circumstances listed above in N.J.S.A. §2C:52-2, if those offenses are listed in a single judgment of conviction, or, are "interdependent or closely related" to one another.

Because of the expanded pool of people now eligible for expungements in New Jersey, it is important to note some of the common pitfalls and errors petitioners can run into when filing for expungement. Most often, the Court sends back expungement petitions because of DeMarco violations. A DeMarco violation occurs when the petitioner fails to include all other criminal charges on the expungement petition—regardless of whether they resulted in convictions or acquittals. This includes disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons convictions. *State v. DeMarco*, 174 N.J. Super. 411 (Law Div. 1980). Prosecutors have access to a wide range of databases and can routinely highlight crimes committed that either petitioners' attorneys miss, or that petitioners neglect to include in their filing.

To remedy this issue, the Court will not instantly dismiss a petition due to a DeMarco violation; instead, the State's attorney will send an objection letter that outlines the missing criminal charges. If the petitioner remains eligible, the Court will send a letter informing the petitioner that he or she has six weeks to amend his/her petition. If the petition is amended and served to the satisfaction of the Court, the petition will be granted. However, if an amended petition is not submitted, the petition will be dismissed without prejudice. The Court's aim is to give petitioners the opportunity to amend petitions without starting the expungement process anew, while also preserving efficiency by dismissing those who do fail to amend petitions within a reasonable amount of time.

The Court commonly sees petitions in which the petitioner's convictions are not yet ripe for expungement. Previously, the ten-year waiting period for expungement eligibility began when petitioners completed their sentence or paid outstanding fines, whichever happened later. Unsatisfied fines barred many petitioners from expungement. However, now that a petitioner can owe outstanding fines and still be eligible for expungement, many petitioners are applying for expungement far too early, misunderstanding their date of eligibility. Note, a person is eligible for expungement six years after the

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completion of his or her sentence—not the date a person is found guilty, nor the day of sentencing, but rather, six years after the sentence is fully complete. For example, a person may be eligible six years after the date that he/she completes his/her probation. In other words, the six-year waiting period begins on the day a sentence ends, and no earlier.

The most common issue (and the easiest error to correct) in expungement petitions is the failure to provide proof of service. When a petitioner files their petition they must provide the Court with proof that they served, via certified mail, copies of the following: their filed Petition for Expungement, Order for Hearing, and the proposed Expungement Order. These must be sent to the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey, Superintendent of the State Police, relevant County Prosecutors, Clerk of any municipal court that heard the matter, the Chief of Police in relevant jurisdictions, the Warden or Superintendent of any institution in which they were incarcerated, relevant Probation Departments, and the Division of Criminal Justice. Many petitions fail at this early step because petitioners fail to serve one or more of these parties. Although the Court gives opportunities to provide this proof, failure to provide proof within a reasonable time results in dismissal without prejudice. Refiling (including the payment of another filing fee) and re-service (with new proof of service being submitted) is then required.

“Early pathway” expungements have remained a remedy available in the amended statute. Although the time period for eligibility for expungements has been lowered to six years, the five-year waiting period for “early pathway” expungements has remained; three years in the case of petitioners who have only disorderly persons convictions. However, the “early pathway” should not be viewed as a free pathway. To qualify for an “early pathway” expungement, a petitioner must show at a hearing by a preponderance of the evidence that granting the expungement is in the public interest. The Court will consider the nature of the offense as well as the petitioner’s character and conduct since their convictions.

Take special note, that even if all statutory requirements are met, an expungement is still not guaranteed. N.J.S.A. §2C:52-14(b) allows the State to object

when “the need for the availability of the records outweighs the desirability of having a person freed from any disabilities as otherwise provided.” In these circumstances, a hearing will be held and the burden will rest with the State to prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, a need to maintain the records.

Overall, the Court has seen an increase in the number of expungement petitions filed every year for the last four years, and, in comparing 2015 to 2018, the amount of filings has nearly doubled. We expect this trend to continue because of the new statutory changes resulting in the increased opportunity for expungements. Attorneys are advised to take note of the changes in order to properly advise their clients, and to assure that time, effort and costs are not wasted on insufficient or improper filings. In the coming year, we look forward to providing a fresh start to the “reformed offender[s] who [have] led a life of rectitude and disassociated [themselves] with unlawful activity” as was intended by our Legislature. N.J.S.A 2C:52-32.



Casino Night and Nizolek Award Presentation

On Friday, November 2nd, the MCBA awarded Judge Maria Sypek, P.J.S.C. (Ret.) with the Bar's highest honor, the Michael Nizolek Award. Judge Sypek spent her career serving Mercer County with dignity and professionalism as a respected member of our Bench and Bar. She served as a judge in every part of the Superior Court, Law Division within the Mercer Vicinage. She now focuses on dispute resolution, as a professional mediator and arbitrator, where she offers the skills she developed from the years of experience she gained as a jurist. Congratulations, Judge Sypek, and thank you for your extraordinary service to Mercer County and the MCBA.



MCBA Officers: President-Elect Brian J. Duff, Esq., Vice President James L. Creegan, Esq., Incoming Secretary Margaret A. Chipowsky, Esq., Treasurer Tanya L. Phillips, Esq., Secretary Michael Kahme, Esq., (not pictured).



Mercer County Bar Association President Angelo J. Onofri, Esq. and Michael J. Nizolek Award Recipient Hon. Maria Sypek P.J.S.C. (Ret.)

The Honorable Maria Sypek J.S.C. (Ret.), was joined by many loved ones to celebrate her honor.



Casino Night and Nizolek Award Presentation (continued)



From right to left: Jennifer Weisberg Millner, Esq., Joseph Paravecchia, Esq., Jessica A. Wilson, Esq., Robert F. Morris, Esq., Brian McCauley, Esq.



Vice President, James L. Creegan, Esq., President-Elect, Brian J. Duff, Esq.



Community Partner Award

Each year, the Awards Committee selects the firm, business or group that has demonstrated significant support and participation in MCBA activities to receive the Community Partner Award.

The MCBA recognizes the importance of partnering with local companies by participating in a wide array of Bar and community activities. It provides a broad perspective as they perform their important public functions. This year, the MCBA is proud to give this award to Laurenti Wine and Spirits.

Art Laurenti, owner of Laurenti Wines & Spirits, has been long-time supporter of the Mercer County Bar Foundation. Laurenti Wines & Spirits is a family-owned, local business. For over forty years, the Laurentis have dedicated themselves to maintaining one of the finest wine collections in New Jersey. Since the inception of the Annual Wine and Dine, Mr. Laurenti has organized all of the tastings for the event. The success of this event is a direct reflection of his commitment to the MCBA and the MCBF.

Mr. Laurenti has been around Laurenti Wines & Spirits since his family first opened shop in 1970, when he was 18 years old. Over the years he has helped develop one of the most diverse, classic, and eclectic wine and spirits selections in Central New Jersey. Though he loves all wine, his fondness of

Italian wine (especially Amarone) is evident when you browse the aisles. In the rare instance that he's not at the store, he's usually gone fishing—a life-long passion that he likes to enjoy whenever he can.

Community Partner Award Recipients

2001–Mason, Griffin & Pierson
 2002–Mercer County Prosecutor's Office
 2003–Yardville Bank
 2004–Szaferman, Lakind, Blumstein, Blader & Lehmann
 2005–Chicago Title Insurance Co.
 2006–Devlin, Cittadino & Shaw
 2007–Teich Groh
 2008–Pepper Hamilton
 2009–Fidelity National Title Insurance Company
 2010–Guy Renzi & Associates
 2011–Lenox Law Firm
 2012–Roma Bank
 2013–First American Title Insurance Co.
 2014–Mercer County Connection
 2015–Gaylord Popp, LLC
 2016–Investors Bank
 2017–Central Jersey Legal Services
 2018–Laurenti Wines and Spirits



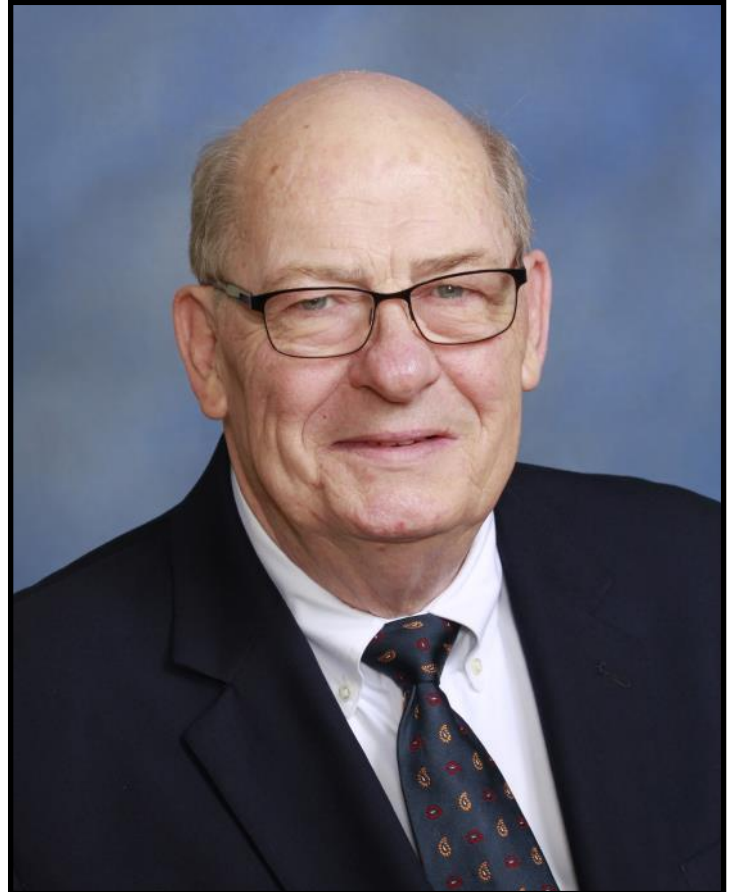
Harry O'Malley Award

In 2017, Harry P. O'Malley passed away, leaving a legacy of service to our community. Born in Trenton and a lifelong Mercer County resident, he was a graduate of St. Anthony's Class of 1968, and Trenton State College Class of 1972. Harry went on to earn his law degree from Temple University School of Law. Harry worked for the Mercer County Surrogate's Office as deputy county surrogate for many years, where he was well-respected in the community and among his colleagues and peers.

He was unfailingly polite and professional during his 40-year career. He was a frequent presenter at continuing legal education programs throughout the state of New Jersey, where he gave freely of his time and expertise. Harry's work as the deputy surrogate enhanced the reputation of the Mercer County Surrogate's Office in the legal community and beyond. Harry also had his own practice in Hamilton Township, and was a member of the Mercer County Bar Association.

Harry was a legacy. Harry loved his work and enjoyed reading, especially about history. He was charitable, often offering legal advice to others at no expense. Anyone who met Harry, walked away with the feeling that he was a very special person. The Mercer County Bar Association is pleased to honor his legacy with this annual award, which will be a constant reminder of his faithful service to the profession and the community.

This year, the MCBA honored Francis X. St. John, Esq. in Harry's spirit. Francis is a lifelong Trenton resident. He graduated from Trenton Catholic High School and Rider University. He received his Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall University, graduating cum laude. Francis



Francis X. St. John, Esq.

participates actively in the Mercer County Bar Association's Lawyers Care program, providing free legal services to the community, and does extensive pro bono work with the Volunteer Lawyers Project. Congratulations, Francis.



2018 MCBA Awards & Recipients

In 2018, the MCBA honored

Ross Switkes, Esq. as the Young Lawyer of the Year.

Ross is a partner at McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC. He actively participates in local and state-wide community and Bar organizations. He concentrates

his practice in the areas of bankruptcy, debtor/creditor rights, corporate restructuring, and commercial litigation.



Young Lawyer of the Year Recipients

2002–Samuel M. Gaylord, Esq.

2003–Denise M. Mariani, Esq.

2004–Dorothy E. Bolinsky, Esq.

2005–Brian J. Duff, Esq.

2006–Jennifer D. Zoschak, Esq.

2007–Scott L. Puro, Esq.

2008–Tanya L. Phillips, Esq.

2009–James L. Creegan, Esq.

2010–Robert F. Casey, Esq.

2011–Stephanie L. Jonaitis, Esq.

2012–Margaret A. Chipowsky, Esq.

2013–Kelly M. Botti, Esq.

2014–Melissa A. Chimbangu, Esq.

2015–Katie Mae Magee, Esq.

2016–Elizabeth H. Ferencevych, Esq.

2017–Lauren E. Scardella, Esq.

2018–Ross Switkes, Esq.



The 2018 Professional lawyer of the Year was the **Honorable Philip S. Carchman, P.J.A.D. (Ret.)**.

Judge Carchman has dedicated his career to public service while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and decorum in the legal community.

Professional Lawyer of the Year Recipients

1997–Ezra D. Rosenberg, Esq.

1998–Hon. Maryann K. Bielamowicz

1999–Harry R. Hill Jr., Esq.

2000–Scott A. Krasny, Esq.

2001–Barry D. Szaferman, Esq.

2002–Irene Amarel, Esq.

2003–Hon. Anne E. Thompson

2004–James McLaughlin, Esq.

2005–Jonathan L. Epstein, Esq.

2006–Hon. Catherine M. Fitzpatrick

2007–Hon. John J. Hughes

2008–Bryce S. Chase, Esq.

2009–John S. Eory, Esq.

2010–Hon. Neil H. Shuster

2018 MCBA Awards & Recipients (continued)

2011–Sahbra Smook Jacobs, Esq.
2012–Robert E. Lytle, Esq.
2013–Franklin L. Flacks, Esq.
2014–Samuel M. Gaylord, Esq.
2015–Carol M. Henderson, Esq.
2016–Craig J. Hubert, Esq.
2017–Stacey M. Geurds, Esq. & Robin Echevarria, Esq.
2018–Hon. Philip S. Carchman



The **Honorable Maria Sypek, P.J.S.C. (Ret.)** was awarded the 2018 Michael J. Nizolek Award. Judge Sypek admirably served as a judge of the New Jersey Superior Court for twenty years. During her successful judicial career, she sat in every part of the Superior Court, Law Division, including the Criminal, Family and Chancery parts, over which she also served as presiding judge.

Michael J. Nizolek Award

1995–Patrick N. Budd, Esq.
1996–Hon. Daniel O'Donnell
1997–Michelle Siekerka, Esq.
1998–James McLaughlin, Esq.
1999–Joseph Markowitz, Esq.
2000–Hon. A. Jerome Moore
2001–Murray Gendzel, Esq.
2002–Sahbra Smook Jacobs, Esq.
2003–Harry R. Hill, Jr., Esq.
2004–Scott A. Krasny, Esq.
2005–Marilyn Kline, Esq.
2006–Joseph L. Bocchini, Esq.
2007–John A. Sakson, Esq.
2008–Hon. Christine M. Gravelle
2009–Hon. John J. Hughes
2010–Carol Oswald, Esq.
2011–Arnold C. Lakind, Esq.
2012–Albert M. Stark, Esq.
2013–Hon. Linda R. Feinberg, Ret.
2014–Ezra D. Rosenberg, Esq.
2015–Charles E. Waldron, Esq.
2016–Joshua L. Markowitz, Esq.
2017–Charles "Buck" A. La Ferrara, Esq.
2018–Hon. Maria M. Sypek, Ret.



2019 Calendar of Events

January

- Thursday, January 10th: Lawyers Care, Mercer County Connection @ 5:30-7:30 pm
- Thursday, January 17th: Family Bench Bar, Judge Fitzpatrick's Courtroom @ 3:30 pm (1 free CLE to all renewed members)
- Thursday, January 24th: Installation Dinner at the Trenton Country Club @ 5:30-8:30 pm (flyer is included with additional information)

February

- Thursday, February 14th: Lawyers Care, Mercer County Connection @ 5:30-7:30 pm
- Tuesday, February 26th: Serve lunch at TASK @ 10:30 am -1:00 pm
- Thursday, February 28th: Municipal Bench Bar, Ewing Township Municipal Court @ 3:30 pm

March

- Wednesday, March 13th: MCBA Bench Bar Luncheon at Trenton Country Club (details to follow)
- Thursday, March 14th: Lawyers Care, Mercer County Connection, @ 5:30-8:30 pm
- Thursday, March 21st: Family Bench Bar, Judge Fitzpatrick's Courtroom @ 3:30 pm

April

- Collect children's new and used books for summer distribution
- Wednesday, April 17th: Serve lunch at TASK @ 10:30 am-1:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 25th: Municipal Bench Bar, Ewing Township Municipal Court @ 3:30 pm

May

- Collect children's new and used books for summer distribution
- Thursday, May 23rd: Family Bench Bar, Judge Fitzpatrick's Courtroom @ 3:30 pm

June

- Collect children's new and used books for summer distribution
- Wednesday, June 12th: Serve lunch at TASK @ 10:30 am-1:00 pm
- 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 pm

July

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

September

- Wednesday, September 18th: Serve lunch at TASK @ 10:30 am -1:00 pm
- Thursday, September 19th: Family Bench Bar, Judge Fitzpatrick's Courtroom @ 3:30 pm.

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 pm

November

- Collect new and used coats
- Thursday, November 21st: Family Bench Bar, Judge Fitzpatrick's Courtroom @ 3:30 pm

December

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

MERCER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

On behalf of the officers and trustees of the MCBA, we would like to thank our Community Partners for their support in 2018. We hope to have you back in 2019.

We ask our members to show their appreciation by supporting these generous businesses.



Holiday Party & Harry O'Malley Award Presentation

The Mercer County Bar Association celebrated the holiday season on December 11, 2018 at Cobblestone Creek Country Club. The MCBA also honored Francis X. St. John, Esq. as the recipient of the inaugural Harry O'Malley Award. The evening was well-attended and a good time was had by all. Thank you to our members who celebrated the spirit of the holidays, and congratulations to Francis for the well-deserved honor.



2019 Harry O'Malley Award recipient, Francis X. St. John, Esq. and President-Elect Brian J. Duff, Esq.



Assignment Judge Mary C. Jacobson, A. J. S.C., Francis X. St. John, Esq., and Jessica Lewis Kelly, Esq.



Mercer County Bar Association Trustees Sam Toma, Esq., and Ross Switkes, Esq., with Secretary Michael Kahme.

Holiday Party & Harry O'Malley Award Presentation (continued)



Mercer County Courthouse Update: Nomad Presentation System

By Jessica Barraco

The Mercer vicinage recently installed a Nomad presentation system in courtroom 3F (Judge Douglas Hurd, P.J.S.C.) in the Civil courthouse. The Nomad system is an evidence presentation system that allows attorneys to present evidence such as audio and video recordings, documents, pictures, and presentations, from almost any type of media.

The Nomad presentation system has a built-in computer, a Blu-ray DVD player, a sound system with speakers and microphone, a document camera used for overhead projections, and a USB port conveniently located on the top of the podium. Since the Nomad system is not connected to the Judiciary network, attorneys can safely display evidence from a USB drive while keeping the potentially harmful files off of the Judiciary's network. Personal devices, such as iPhones, iPads, Android devices, and laptops, can be connected to the Nomad using the HDMI and VGA cables attached to the podium. In addition, the Nomad system provides annotation capabilities from the podium and witness stand monitors. Included on the judge's bench is a monitor to provide a

closer view of the displayed content and a console that can restrict the display of evidence when it should not be viewed by the entire courtroom.

With some minor training, the Nomad system is easy enough for anyone to use. The Mercer Vicinage will be providing a few training sessions along with access to Nomad's online training resources. Attorneys can request to use the Nomad evidence presentation system through the case management division. The Nomad system is currently limited to use in Judge Hurd's courtroom.

Jessica Barraco is the IT Division Manager of the Mercer County Superior Court. She can be reached at Jessica.Barraco@njcourts.gov.





General Membership Meeting & Installation Dinner

Thursday, January 24, 2019

5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Trenton Country Club

201 Sullivan Way
West Trenton, NJ

Please join us for an elegant evening as

Brian J. Duff, Esq.

Kalavruzos, Mumola, Hartman & Lento, LLC

is sworn in as the new President of the Mercer County Bar Association

The 2019 Executive Board

President: Brian J. Duff, Esq.

President-Elect: James L. Creegan, Esq.

Vice President: Tanya L. Phillips, Esq.

Treasurer: Michael Kahme, Esq.

Secretary: Margaret A. Chipowsky, Esq.

along with the 2019 Officers and 2021 Trustees

Emcee: Michael D. Mumola, Esq.

Introduction: Craig J. Hubert, Esq.

Swearing-in by: Hon. Anthony M. Massi, J.S.C.

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Jennifer Weisberg Millner, Esq.

Robert F. Morris, Esq.

Joseph Paravecchia, Esq.

Jessica A. Wilson, Esq.

Registration Information:

Before January 17, 2019: \$75.00 for MCBA members; \$125.00 for non-members

After January 18, 2019: \$90.00 for MCBA members; \$140.00 for non-members

Send or fax your reservations to:

Mercer County Bar Association, 1245 Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd., Suite 420

Hamilton, NJ 08619 - (609) 585-6200 FAX (609) 585-5537

Register online at www.mercerbar.com

All members must be in good standing to receive member rate.

Members Can Bring a Non-member Guest at the Member Rate

Dinner includes your choice of: Chicken, Crab Cake or vegetarian option. Cash Bar.

Program Booklet Advertising Rates

If you would like to place an advertisement and congratulatory message in the Program Booklet, it must be in PDF or JPEG format and should be sent to

info@mercerbar.com prior to January 17, 2019.

Full Page 5" X 8" \$350

Half Page 5" X 4" \$200

Quarter Page 5" X 2" \$100

Well-Wisher – Your Name \$10

Installation Dinner and General Membership Meeting – January 24, 2019

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Firm: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Amount Paid _____

Accepting Visa, MasterCard and American Express for your convenience

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code _____

Signature & Card Billing Address: _____

Dinner Choice: _____ Chicken breast with potatoes and sherry sauce _____ TCC Crab Cakes _____ Vegetarian Lemon & Vidalia Risotto

48 Hr. written notice required for cancellation and refund - \$15 processing fee on all cancellations.

Payment is not deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes but may be deductible under other provisions as a business expense.

Public Education Committee Update

By Monica Martini, Esq.

On October 4, 2018, I presented to local high school debate teams on cross-examination strategies. The teams all participate in the Colonial Valley Conference Debate League, which follows a "policy debate" format. The students debate in teams of two, with one side arguing for a specific policy change and another side arguing against it. In between each constructive speech is a period of cross-examination; during this time, the debater who just gave a constructive speech is asked a series of

questions from the opposing team. The presentation discussed approaches to asking and answering these questions during the cross-examination period of a debate round.

Thank you to the Public Education Committee and the Nottingham High School debate coaches for organizing the presentation.

MCBA Member and Assistant Mercer County Prosecutor Monica Martini, Esq. presenting to the CVC Debate League



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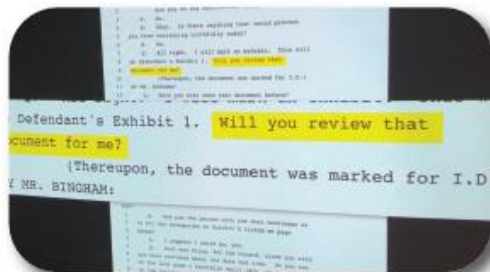
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