

CAPITAL DISTRICT WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION



PO Box 3747

Albany, NY 12203-0747

518-438-5511

April 2007

Editors: Cynthia A. Platt

Kathryn Lamont Teal

One on One with... Chris Galvin

Interview by Amy Schallop



Chris Galvin is a partner in the Gordon Siegel Law Firm. She specializes in commercial and civil litigation, including negligence, personal injury, torts and products liability.

Chris, you've been at your present firm for quite a number of years, did you hold any other positions before joining the Gordon Siegel Law Firm?

After I graduated from law school in 1982 I went to work for Kouray and Kouray, a plaintiffs personal injury firm in Schenectady. It was the first job I was offered. I later learned that Athena Kouray actually had a sample of my handwriting analyzed and determined that I would be a good candidate. Apparently she would do that with all her hirings.

(continued on page 4)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I want to begin by expressing my deepest thank you to Linda Clark, our CDWBA President-Elect, as well as the CDWBA executive committee, our Annual Judicial Reception Co-chairs, Lydia Law and Rachel Sherman, our Executive Director, Ava Charne, our former president, Cindy Platt, our representative to the WBASNY Nominations Committee and former president, Jo Katz, the Women in Government Task Force, (and I could go on) for stepping in to make certain that the activities and behind the scenes business of the CDWBA were attended to as I began my maternity leave on February 22, 2007. If only I could say to you that I left a clear plan for my temporary absence. It was this support crew that didn't miss a beat and afforded me the opportunity to "let go" for a bit. Thank you, too, for taking care of my President's Message last month with our happy news.

Most of you are aware that our membership committee worked diligently throughout this year to increase our membership. We set out to reach that 300 member mark, a milestone that would provide us with another delegate to, and greater voice with, our statewide organization, WBASNY. With the leadership of our membership committee, Susan Taylor and Ann Sharpe, and the assistance of our board, we came incredibly close to meeting our goal. The CDWBA certified 292 members, an all time high for our organization.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members and thank all of our renewing members. We hope you will let us know how we are doing and provide us with ideas that will allow us to best support you. (continued on page 9)

Material appearing herein, including editorial comment, represents the views of the respective authors and does not necessarily carry the endorsement of the Capital District Women's Bar Association.



The Legal Project

Pro Bono Corner April 2007

Lisa A. Frisch, Executive Director

GOOD NEWS ABOUT BANKRUPTCY PRO BONO!

Thanks to the efforts of pro bono attorney Michael O'Connor, from O'Connor O'Connor Bresee & First, P.C., the United States Trustee at the US Department of Justice added two new questions and answers on their website that clarify that pro bono attorneys are not at risk of being considered "debt relief agencies" under the Bankruptcy Act. They also have explicitly stated that credit or recognition for pro bono work does not fall within the definition of "consideration" for purposes of the Act. These have been major concerns for many attorneys who previously represented bankruptcy clients pro bono, creating huge waiting lists for programs like The Legal Project and Legal Aid. If you are a bankruptcy attorney, *please* consider taking on some pro bono cases now that this is clarified. We have desperate people calling us every day seeking help. Please call Katie Weinberg at 518-435-1770 if you are interested in helping out.

Thank you for volunteering in March!

Domestic Violence Legal Connection

Laura Egner
Michelle Haskin
Barrett Mack

AHAA

Gerald Dwyer
Ken Schwartz

Legal Clinics

Albany Public Library

Janet Axelrod
Ron Orlando

YWCA

Tammy Arquette
Jennifer Corcoran
Barbara King
Patricia Rodriguez

Unity House

Coordinator – Abe Bolgatz
Thomas Kenney

Mechanicville

Anne Reynolds Copps

South End

Coordinator – Vickie Smith-Moyo
Katherine Levitan
Meredith Savitt
Margaret Vella

Saratoga

Laura Greco

Equinox

Coordinator – Stephanie Hollner
David Levy
Heena Shaikh
Joann Sternheimer

Small Business

Christine Galvin
Chip Gordon
Janet Kaplan

HIV/AIDS Wills Project

Laura Greco

Don't Forget!

Come to our Annual Wine and Cheese Open House

On Monday, April 23, anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 pm, we are holding our annual open house where we get to thank all of you who have helped us in some way at The Legal Project. Perhaps you volunteer with us, or provide us with financial support, or work with us in the community—we would love if you would come and see our offices, meet our staff and Board and, of course, drink some wine or soda, and have some delicious finger food provided by staff and Board members. RSVP to 435-1770 or jlennon@legalproject.org.

Mechanicville Pro Se Divorce Clinic

On Saturday, March 3, we held our second Pro Se Divorce Clinic at the Mechanicville Area Community Center. This clinic was the brainchild of Anne Reynolds Copps, one of our former Board members and current Honorary Board members, and intrepid pro bono attorney for a variety of our programs. One of the many things that Anne does for us is volunteer at our legal clinic in Mechanicville and she was amazed at the number of people who came to her, desperately seeking an uncontested divorce but not having the means to afford the legal help to get it accomplished. We held a pilot clinic in the fall, and then planned a clinic in March that would be open to any low income person from any Capital Region county seeking an uncontested divorce.

Katie Weinberg and Jessica Lennon coordinated the clinic, which was a great success. Anne Reynolds Copps, Heena Shaikh from Anne's firm, and Carla Brogoch from our office were the attorneys on site, reviewing the paperwork and helping to answer any legal questions by the clinic participants. We were very fortunate to have the assistance of Amy Sadlon-Meacham of the Capital District Paralegal Association who helped us reach out to wonderful paralegal volunteers Denise Jordan, Sandra Andreadakis, Mary Bazemore and Connie Mattice. Olivia Nix and Willow Baer of the Pro Bono Society at Albany Law School assisted us at the clinic and helped us get two other law student volunteers, Donneshia Hall and Courtnie Kirker. Our Albany Law Intern Katie Breitenbach also volunteered at the clinic and all were a wonderful help! Anne Reynolds Copps had taken the time to provide training to the law students to familiarize them with the pro se paperwork prior to the clinic, which the students reported was of great assistance to them.

A big thanks to the folks in Mechanicville for opening up the Community Center for this clinic and to the Liza's Legacy Foundation, who loaned us a copy machine to bring along so we could get the papers all ready to file for the participants. All in all, with all of this volunteer help we were able to assist 23 low income people fill out the complicated paperwork for an uncontested divorce, providing each with personal assistance

throughout the morning of the clinic. We hope to hold these clinics again throughout the year and beyond as another way to make legal help more accessible to those in need. Thank you, Anne and all of you who gave up your Saturday morning to help!

Thank you to the Schenectady YWCA!

On Thursday, March 22, I was honored to receive one of six 2007 Women of Achievement Awards at a lovely ceremony at the Glen Sanders Mansion. Susan Pattenaude and Jessica Lennon were quite sneaky about nominating me, but I thank them for their confidence and support. In addition to the five esteemed women who also received this award that evening, there is an impressive Academy of Women of Achievement, former award winners who stay very connected with the work of the YWCA. I am quite privileged to now be a member of that Academy and to have received an award that embodies the YWCA's mission of empowering women and eliminating racism. Thank you to all the wonderful folks at the YWCA!

We Need YOU to Volunteer!

As you all know, The Legal Project is primarily a pro bono program, with only one full-time and three part-time attorneys on staff for our domestic violence program. We simply cannot provide the services that are needed here in the Capital District without the assistance of attorneys who are willing to volunteer for one of our pro bono programs such as representing domestic violence victims in Family Court or first-time low-income homebuyers; helping low income persons with HIV or AIDS make a will or health care proxy; provide ½ hour consultations on civil legal issues at one of our legal clinics; or to provide legal advice to women, minority and low income small business owners. *We can't do this without you!* Please contact Susan Pattenaude for more information about volunteering at spattenaude@legalproject.org.

How was it practicing law in 1982 in the private sector?

We had a lot of different personal injury cases including products liability, auto accidents, labor law, malpractice and fall down cases. At that time there were only about five practicing female attorneys in Schenectady, the majority of which had gone to school several years prior to me. And they weren't really in the plaintiff's personal injury arena, so I was on my own other than having the support of my firm. It was a very small firm consisting of husband, wife and son in addition to me. They were very smart, trained me well and overall it was a very good experience.

Did Athena serve as a role model to you?

Not that much in that Athena was not a trial attorney. She mainly provided documentary support for our cases.

Did the fact that she didn't handle trial work serve as a hurdle that you had to overcome?

I think the hurdle that I had to overcome was getting them to trust me to do a good job because in a small firm the success of your cases is very important because it pays everyone's paycheck. So, I needed to get them to the point where they could trust me enough to permit me to try cases which I was successful in doing.

What prompted you to start your own private practice?

Well, there were discussions between us with respect to partnership and I didn't see us reaching agreement, so I decided to start my own practice and at the same time I became employed part-time as a confidential law clerk to the Schenectady County Court judge.

Was there anyone who acted as a mentor or role model for your private practice?

Not specifically. I did share office space with three other attorneys who would help me with questions or forms that I needed.

I did that until I went to the Gordon Siegel firm - for approximately two years. That firm had been in existence for almost 90 years in Schenectady. It was started by Harold Gordon, Chip Gordon's grandfather. Chip's father, Arnold was retiring and he, along with his brother-in-law, Mike Mullaney, had formed a new firm with Arkley Mastro the year before. I felt that it was an opportunity to become a part of new firm from the ground up. I brought my practice and was made partner two years later.

Looking back when you first went out on your own in your private practice did you have any concept of how you would build your practice?

Not really. I immediately started getting referrals from prior clients as well as from other attorneys. I also started doing matrimonial and family court work which I had not done previously.

How has the firm changed or grown over the years?

We've certainly added more attorneys. One of the main things we did was relocate from Schenectady to Airport Park in Latham about seven years ago. We did that because we had a difficult time attracting new personnel to Schenectady. Also, we needed to relocate to a new building and couldn't find one suitable in Schenectady. We also felt that we wanted to have greater reach. In our present location, we can easily attract and service clients from Rennselaer, Saratoga and Albany counties. The constitution of the firm has also changed. Of the approximate 26 employees we have, which includes attorneys and partners, only three are men. They are quite outnumbered, but they don't complain.

You've had very successful career in the private sector. Do you have any advice for women who are coming out of law school who are interested in going into private practice?

The most important thing for new attorneys coming out of law school is to get a job in a firm where they can get good guidance and experience. Once in the firm, if they're not getting the experience that they want, or if you're talking about the personal injury field, they're not getting

an opportunity to do depositions or trial, they really need to make a change because they're losing time. They need to look for a firm that will take chances on them and help them grow. Small firms might be a good choice because they really need help and they're less reluctant to hang on to their work. Fundamentally, it is important that the firm has a good reputation so that they can learn good work habits. I don't recommend starting one's own practice right out of law school. It is important to be mentored and learn skills from experienced attorneys. It is also important to learn how a firm is run and acquire the skills necessary to attract clients and do a good job for them.

You're fluent in Spanish and you have Spanish-speaking clients. When did you learn to speak Spanish?

I learned to speak Spanish during my college junior year abroad in Valencia, Spain, during the Franco dictatorship. Then, after I finished my senior year in college, I enrolled in a masters program through SUNY Stonybrook through which I attended a university in Medellin, Colombia, South America. I lived there for 6 months and decided I did not want to complete the program. Then I traveled for another 6 months in Equador and Peru.

You've won awards for your pro bono work, which has included providing legal services to Hispanic clients. How did you get started in helping Hispanics?

I believe that if I can find a person who really merits help, I might help to make a real difference in his or her life. While I do work on boards, I find it much more satisfying to work with individuals to help them improve. I started doing that early on in college during my summer job in which I ran a summer youth employment program for the County of Monroe. I hired a young Puerto Rican girl to work on my staff and ultimately befriended her family. I realized that she had the potential to better herself but as one of 8 children supported by the welfare system, did not have the wherewithal to realize that potential. I taught her work ethics and simple things like how to open a bank account and ultimately helped her apply to college. That's mostly what I've been doing in my pro bono work -

zeroing in on individuals who really need help and trying to make a difference in their lives.

What types of pro bono work do you do?

For example, I represented a young woman from Mexico whose husband abandoned her after he was transferred here to work for a local corporation. She was referred to me through Hispanic Outreach Services, which is an agency of Catholic Charities. I represented her in Family Court so that she could obtain spousal support. It became apparent to me that she merited assistance. I helped her enroll in an English language course at SUNY Albany. I helped her get a divorce. I provided her with an internship at my firm because she had an accounting degree and she needed to learn what it was like to work in an American office. And then ultimately I helped her get a job with a large accounting firm. She's now employed as an auditor for the State of New York.

Another client's daughter died during childbirth and came to me because her son-in-law would not let her see her grandchildren. I was able to obtain a Family Court order directing them to permit her to visit with her grandchildren.

So when you're not practicing law, what do you do with your free time?

Most of my fun centers around dining with my friends. One of my favorite restaurants is the Sitar. I really like ethnic food. I also like to garden. And I go for walks every morning.

You've had some very successful outcomes in some significant cases recently. Tell us about them.

These past two years have been very successful for me. I had a products liability case involving a family that went to a cabin in the Adirondacks where a space heater malfunctioned. The father died of carbon monoxide poisoning. The mother and two children also succumbed but were rescued in time and saved. It was a difficult case because several experts had been unable to determine the cause of the malfunction. I was able to work with an expert to design proper testing which ultimately proved the defect. The case was mediated and settled for over \$1,000,000.00.

I also obtained a verdict in the Court of Claims involving an accident at a state campground. A woman was riding a bicycle with her nine year old son when her tire went into a sink hole. She lost her balance, fell, hit her head on the pavement and died. I was able to prove that the State was negligent in failing to repair the roadway. The court awarded a \$2.5 million dollar verdict to her children who were ages 9 and 12 when she died.

In addition, I represented the wife of a man who was bludgeoned to death at a municipal housing project in Schenectady when he was robbed at a vacant apartment while delivering a pizza in the course of his employment. I sued the Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority for failing to secure the apartment that had been used by the perpetrators for the same purpose just a week before. That victim fortunately got away. At the time of the murder, my client's children were only 11 months and 6 years old. I arbitrated the case before a retired Appellate Division judge who awarded \$1,500,000.00. The actual award was limited to the amount of the Authority's insurance coverage, \$1,000,000.

Diversity is like Family

By Dana Salazar

The good thing about living on Staten Island is that the family is always right there.

The bad thing about living on Staten Island is that the family is always right there.

my mother

There are countless bar associations available to us. There are geographic ones (Albany County, New York City, New York State, etc.), practice area ones (Trial Lawyers, Environmental Lawyers, Bankruptcy Trustees, etc.), gender based ones (Women, um not Men, Transgender), and racial or ethnic ones (Black, Hispanic, Italian, Asian, etc.). There are many others I have left out - but you get the point. Many bar associations encourage law students to join while they are still in law school and if these students can find time between their studies and the activities related to their law school associations and groups (in divisions that parallel the bar associations) the students may join up early. Once we join these various bar associations we may volunteer to join a committee or sub-committee dedicated to furthering a cause or assisting the community.

By and large we join specialized groups because we relate to the people within the group. There is nothing so comforting as being with people just like us. We understand people like us, we have little inside jokes we don't have to explain, we feel comfortable - very much like we feel when we're with our family. When a group of women are together the conversation is different than it is when the group is a mix of men and women. The conversation of one group is not better or worse than the other - just different. When a group of attorneys gets together the conversation is different than when a group has lawyers and non-lawyers. Often, the topic of conversation will center on what it is we all have in common. That is, if we are all environmental lawyers we will probably discuss recent developments or issues unique to our practice area. It's just human nature to find a common thread to tie us together.

When we join specialized groups we are banding together with people like us. By doing so, however, we are necessarily bypassing an opportunity to join together with those who are not like us. By definition these specialized associations are not particularly diverse. This is not to say that men cannot join the Women's bars (they can and do) and that the Greek Bar won't admit Irish lawyers - they probably do. When we are at CDWBA events, we are of course having Way More Fun than the members of the other bars, but we are also segregating ourselves from non-women lawyers.

This is not to suggest that we should all leave our specialized bar associations - far from it. But we should, perhaps, note that this illustrates a fundamental enemy of diversity in the profession: we gravitate toward those most like us. This works against both components of a diversity attempt. The non-diverse group feels slightly uncomfortable (consciously or unconsciously) with someone unlike them in their midst. The diverse person feels uncomfortable surrounded by people who are nothing like he or she is. Then if a person feels completely isolated as the only [fill in trait or group here] and a second [fill in same trait or group here] arrives, the two people are likely to feel a pull to team up at least socially.

The common denominator in all of these associations is that they are Bar Associations - that is, they are groups of attorneys. If a group of professionals were in a room eventually the lawyers are likely to find each other - and will start

talking about law. If within that group there are litigators and judges, the litigators will probably immediately stand while addressing the judges. My point, all kidding aside, is that any group of attorneys in a firm will always have a profession in common. A strong focus on the work at hand - on the profession itself might go a long way toward pulling us together. In other words, rather than focusing on how different that new, diverse associate is from us we should all notice where he or she went to school, what part of the country he or she is from, what specialty he or she has . . . you get the idea. If everyone reached out to the people least like ourselves rather than reaching out to those most like us I bet we'd find that we are not so different after all - because we would eventually find something in common with those people. After all, we seek to find in others that which feels familiar [familiar: root word "family"].

IS THERE A JUDGESHIP IN YOUR FUTURE?

The National Association of Women Judges is doing an outreach program at Albany Law School on **April 9, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.** The program will consist of an informal panel/discussion concerning career paths, becoming a judge, balancing personal and professional commitments, etc. The panel will include CDWBA members **Hon. Victoria A. Graffeo, Hon. Leslie Stein, Hon. Rachel Kretser, and Hon. Helena Heath-Roland.** The program is FREE.

Third Judicial District Pro Bono Discussion Group to Hold Expo

As a Third Judicial District Justice Initiative, Administrative Judge, George B. Ceresia, Jr., has called together local professionals to be a part of a discussion group to increase pro bono participation in Albany and Rensselaer Counties. The discussion group is Chaired by Judge Ceresia, who has selected representatives from the legal community including CDWBA member, **Lillian Moy, Director of Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (LASNNY),** Kristie Cinelli, LASNNY, CDWBA member, **Lisa Frisch, Executive Director of The Legal Project,** CDWBA member, **Jessica Lennon, The Legal Project,** Willow Baer, Vice President, Students Pro Bono Society at Albany Law

School(ALS), Olivia Nix, ALS, Cynthia Feathers, Pro Bono Affairs Director, New York State Bar Association, Barbara Davis, Executive Director of the Albany County Bar Association(ACBA), Siohban Blank, Pro Bono Coordinator, ACBA, James T.Potter, Esq., ACBA, Marcia Doyle, Esq., President, Rensselaer County Bar Association(RCBA), Rich McNally, Esq., RCBA, John E. Higgins, Esq. and Daniel J. Hurteau, Esq. of Nixon Peabody, LLP, Patrick J. Higgins, Esq., Powers & Santola, LLP, CDWBA member, **Hon. Andrew Ceresia, Town Justice, Town of North Greenbush,** CDWBA member, **Regina Treffiletti, Esq., Court Attorney,** and Meghan Cardona, Access to Justice Coordinator, both on staff at the Third Judicial District Administrative Office.

The groups aim is to increase the volume of voluntary pro bono participation. A Pro Bono Expo for attorneys in Albany and Rensselaer Counties will be held on **April 18, 2007 from 5:30 -7:30 p.m.** at the New York State Bar Center. A unique program designed to help diminish the mysteries of doing pro bono work will be presented. A brief informational video will precede a discussion panel of local judges, attorneys and service providers, who will answer questions and share their views and experiences to further demonstrate the growing need for pro bono service in the area.

Attorneys attending will earn one (1) CLE Credit in Ethics and have the special opportunity to network with the panel members and discover how pro bono can comfortably fit into their busy lives. The program is free and refreshments will be served. See enclosed flyer for registration information.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

WBASNY's annual Lobby Day is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 17.** It is hoped that all chapters will send representatives to Albany to meet with their elected representatives to discuss legislation of interest to WBASNY and its members. The group will meet with WBASNY's legislative consultant at approximately 11:00 a.m., prior to meeting with legislators, for a briefing on the pertinent legislation and to go over lobbying points. This year's legislative priorities include no-fault divorce, legislation regarding breastfeeding mothers and expressing milk in the workplace, human trafficking legislation, and the healthy teen act. Anyone who is interested in participating should contact Michelle Rosien, Co-chair of Legislative Committee, to coordinate meeting with your representative at michelle_rosien_esq@yahoo.com.

FRIENDS OF THE ALBANY CHILDREN'S CENTER 14th Annual Cocktail Reception

On April 26, 2007, 5:30 PM at the NYS Bar Center, One Elk Street, please join the Friends of the Albany Children's Center for the 14th Annual Cocktail Reception to raise funds to support the Children's Center at the Albany County Family Court. The Center offers educational activities and child care services to over 1,000 children annually while caregivers take care of court business. The honorees to be recognized this year are Kathy Cloutier, Executive Director of the Albany Community Action Partnership, the service provider of the Center, and Jeffrey Yules, Director of the Ronald McDonald House, the organization that provided a grant for a computer and other equipment for the Center. Please call Margaret Vella, President of the Friends, for further information at 449-6001.

CDWBA ANNOUNCES 2007 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Three members will be honored at CDWBA's Annual Installation Dinner to be held in June as this year's recipients of CDWBA's Annual Awards. **Heena Shaikh** will receive CDWBA's **Outstanding New Lawyer Award**. This award will be presented to Heena who, as of December 31, 2006, has been a member of the bar for not more than five (5) years, and who has made noteworthy contributions to CDWBA, and outstanding achievements within the profession and outstanding contributions to the community. **Patricia Salkin** will be presented with CDWBA's **Distinguished Member Award**. Patty will be recognized as an outstanding attorney member who has achieved professional excellence and distinguished herself by service to CDWBA and the community. **Joann Sternheimer** will receive CDWBA's **Pro Bono Award** in recognition of her pro bono legal services to the community, beyond her employment responsibilities.

ADIRONDACK CHAPTER SPONSORING ETHICS CLE

*Representing Multiple Interests/Conflict of Interests and
Attorney Escrow Accounts*

DATE: Friday, April 20, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Courtyard Marriot, Saratoga Springs

CLE Credits: 3.0 Ethics

COST: Breakfast and CLE \$60.00 WBASNY
members/ \$80.00 non-members

To register or for more information contact
Cindy Lunsford, Esq. at (518)832-6439, or

crl@bpsrlaw.com

MEMBER NEWS

- **Lisa Frisch** has been chosen to receive the Tech Valley Business and Professional Women's **Woman of the Year Award**. The award will be presented on April 17, 2007 at the Desmond Hotel. Lisa is the Executive Director of CDWBA's The Legal Project, Inc.
- Albany Law school named **Professor Katheryn D. Katz** the Kate Stoneman Chair in Law and Democracy. Professor Katz has taught at ALS for more than 30 years. Among her curricular innovations have been courses on domestic violence, one of the first in the nation, and moral and legal issues in human reproduction. Prior to her academic career, Professor Katz was in private practice, having found one of the first all-female law firms in New York State.
- On March 16, 2007, **Joann Sternheimer** brought the Credit Abuse Resistance Education ("CARE") Program to Queensbury High seniors in connection with a program on the Bankruptcy Court and careers in law. The goal of CARE is to stress to students the consequences of obtaining and utilizing credit cards and incurring credit card debt. The program was held at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York in Albany. Hon. Robert E. Littlefield, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge, and Richard Weisz, Esq., Hodgson, Russ, LLP, also participated. Joann, a partner at Deily, Mooney & Glastetter, LLP, is CDWBA's Secretary and Chairperson of CDWBA's Classroom Project.

NEW CDWBA MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome the following **NEW MEMBER**:

Cheryl A. Roberts

PO Box 244

Spencertown, NY 12165

*Environmental, land use/zoning/condemnation,
legislation*

Attention law firms: If you have a position you would like advertised, you can have it published in the CDWBA Newsletter for **FREE!** Send your information by the 15th of the month to **CDWBA Newsletter**, P.O. Box 3747, Albany, New York 12203 or e-mail it to acharne@nycap.rr.com.

CDWBA CALENDAR

- Apr 3 **Legal Clinic**
Albany Public Library
- Apr 4 **Legal Clinic**
YWCA
- Apr 10 **CDWBA Board Meeting**
Legal Project
5:45 p.m.
- Apr 11 **Legal Clinic**
Mechanicville
- Apr 11 **Legal Clinic**
Unity House
- Apr 12 **Legal Clinic**
South End
- Apr 24 **Flattery Battery Workshop &
CDWBA Membership Meeting**
Noon, Victory Cafe
- Apr 26 **Legal Clinic**
Equinox
- Apr 27 **Law Day Run Against Domestic Violence**
6:15 p.m., Washington Park
- May 1 **Legal Clinic**
Albany Public Library
- May 2 **Legal Clinic**
YWCA

Please make sure to submit notices of events by the 15th of the month to acharne@nycap.rr.com for publication in the newsletter.

ALBANY COUNTY BAR ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING CLE'S:

Technology in the Courtroom. April 17. Speakers: Hon. Joseph Teresi; Glen Doherty and Christopher Massaroni, McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams. Firm of McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, 3-5 p.m. 2 CLE credits.

Litigation in State Courts: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You. April 19. Speaker: Steven L. Herrick, Tully, Rinckey & Associates. LaSarre Restaurant, 12:30-2:30. 2 CLE credits.

For more information, call 445-7510.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES

One of the benefits of CDWBA membership includes the opportunity to share information concerning the occurrence of significant professional and personal events with other members. Any member may submit relevant information and photographs concerning such events, including but not limited to professional and academic achievements, changes in employment status, candidacy for elective office, marriages and births. Please submit such information to acharne@nycap.rr.com

President's Message (continued from page 1)

Inside this month's newsletter you'll find information on the 13th Annual Law Day 5K Run/Walk Against Domestic Violence. I'd like to invite all of you to participate on our CDWBA team for this year's event which will take place on April 27, 2007 at 6:15, Washington Park Boathouse in Albany. The run/walk raises funds to support domestic violence shelters. Last year's event raised over \$15,000! Not only will you be running or walking for this incredibly important cause, it will provide a wonderful opportunity to visit with friends and colleagues. April is also a perfect time to dust off the running clothes or walking sneakers. The event also features two races for children ages 11 and under. I hope we'll see you there!

Finally, we hope you enjoy the second edition of Amy Schallop's "One on One" interview column. We invite you to send in your thoughts and impressions as we are hopeful that "One on One" and our Work Life Balance series will spark some discussion and exchange among our members.

**COME BE A
PART OF THE TEAM!
13TH ANNUAL RUN/WALK
AGAINST DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AND SECOND
ANNUAL LAW DAY
KIDS FUN RUN!
April 27, 2007**

The Albany County Bar Association's 13th Annual Law Day Run/Walk Against Domestic Violence will be held on April 27, 2007 at 6:15 p.m. The run/walk, on a USATF Certified course, will take place at the Washington Park Boathouse in Albany. Last year's event raised more than \$15,000 to benefit local domestic violence shelters. Come show your support for this important cause and kick off Spring with a wonderful evening outdoors with friends and colleagues. We hope we'll have an especially strong turnout from the CDWBA!

The Second Annual Law Day Kids Fun Runs will be part of the 13th Annual Law Day Run Against Domestic Violence event and will begin at 5:30 pm at the Washington Park Boathouse in Albany. The races are for kids 11 years and under and include a 1 mile and a 1/4 mile race. There is a \$2 donation and day-of-race registration for each child running.

Advance registration for the run/walk (postmarked on or before April 23, 2007) is \$15 and thereafter, the registration fee is \$20. The registration form and additional information can be accessed at the Albany County Bar Association website: www.albanycountybar.com.

If you would like to join the CDWBA/Legal Project team, please contact Diana Bangert-Drowns (432-1243 or dkb@albany.net).

**SAVE THE DATE! June 7, 2007
CDWBA's ANNUAL
INSTALLATION DINNER**
at the Franklin Plaza, Troy, New York

**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP VOTE
FOR WBASNY OFFICERS**

The WBASNY Nominations Committee, consisting of representatives from each WBASNY chapter, nominated the following slate of officers for the 2007-2008 term:

President-Elect: Gail M. Boggio (Westchester)
Vice Presidents: Deborah Weisman Estis
(Orange-Sullivan)
Jody Fay (Westchester)
Cynthia L. Schrock (Adirondack)
Treasurer: Karen Richardson
(Western New York)
Recording Secretary: Teresa Schiller (New York)
Corresponding Secretary: Robin S. Abramowitz
(Suffolk)

The WBASNY By-Laws require that each chapter vote on the proposed slate of WBASNY officers and on the WBASNY nominees for directors at an open meeting of the chapter membership no later than April 30. Eligible CDWBA members may vote in person at the chapter meeting or by mail ballot (obtained on written request to the chapter secretary, Joann Sternheimer).

The CDWBA membership meeting will be held April 24, 2007 at noon at the Victory Cafe, Albany, in conjunction with our **Flattery Battery** workshop (see enclosed flyer). We look forward to seeing you there.