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WATERBURY BAR ASSOCIATION

The Yellowpad



After the longest winter ever,
it's finally spring!

The Waterbury Bar Association is excited for all the events coming up this spring and summer. If you haven't already, please make sure to send in your 2014 membership dues and updated information form. We send our communications via email and mail. If you are not receiving them, please contact Isa Squicciarini: isquicciarini@carmodylaw.com. We look forward to seeing you at the next event!

Bench Bar Luncheon and General Meeting

Join us on May 8, 2014 at Vasi's Restaurant for our annual Bench Bar Luncheon and General Meeting. This is a great opportunity to socialize with Waterbury's Judges and your fellow Waterbury Bar members. We will also hold a general meeting during the lunch. Bring your ideas ... we welcome your input!

Save the Date!

Law Day

May 1, 2014

9:00 a.m.

400 Grand Street
Courthouse

Bench ~ Bar Luncheon

May 8, 2014

1:00 p.m.

Vasi's Restaurant

Annual Outing

June 10, 2014

Waterbury
Country Club



Announcements and Community News

As always, send in submissions for the Newsletter!

Joe Geremia Honored for Low Bono Practice Focusing on Children in Need

The April 10th Law Tribune featured an article on Joe Geremia, who will be honored by the Judicial Branch for his Low Bono practice. “By dedicating a significant part of his practice to advocacy as an attorney in the Waterbury Juvenile Court, attorney Geremia has committed himself to helping the most needy and least advantaged population that comes through the courthouse doors,” said Beth Duffy Burns, deputy chief clerk for juvenile matters in the Waterbury Judicial District.

Geremia represents abused and neglected children. He also represents parents accused of abuse and neglect who are in jeopardy of losing their children, a task made difficult because issues related to poverty and mental health often come into play. ‘This [type of representation] is extraordinary, and it often goes unrecognized because of the confidential nature of the proceedings in the juvenile court,’ said Burns.” For more on the article, please see www.ctlawtribune.com.

10 Year Courthouse Picture ... this summer. Details to come!

Brown Bag Lunches with Judges

We have started brown bag lunches with the judges. The Family Court Judges recently hosted two lunches, where they discussed the role of guardian ad litem and financial affidavits. We hope you can join us at the next one!

Relay for Life ~ June 7, 2014

Join the Waterbury Bar Association team in the 2014 Relay for Life, in honor of our members battling cancer. For more information, contact Rick Renehan at: rrenehan@tnrd.com. Check our website for details.

Annual Outing and Meeting ~ June 10, 2014

Join us on June 10 at the Waterbury Country Club for our golf tournament, dinner and meeting. Keep an eye on your mail for more details.

Board of Directors

If you would like to be considered for the Board of Directors, please submit your name to Isa Squicciarini: isquicciarini@carmodylaw.com.

Robert Nastri nominated as Superior Court Judge

“[Attorney] Nastri is a partner with Tinley, Nastri, Renehan & Dost, LLP, in Waterbury. His practice includes civil trial law and general dispute resolution, including commercial litigation, employment discrimination and wrongful discharge claims, contract disputes, will contests, environmental claims, as well as the prosecution and defense of personal injury claims. Before serving as an attorney, Nastri served as a municipal police officer. He received his B.A. from Wesleyan University and his J.D. from University of Connecticut School of Law.”

Waterbury Eats: Check out these new places!

Pies and Pints (in the old Drescher’s)

Riverhouse Café @ The Mattatuck

Member Profile: Lisa Lugauskas

Lisa Lugauskas, Counsel at Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, has been in practice for 30 years (despite her incredibly, inexplicable youthful appearance...). She received her undergraduate degree from UConn (Go Huskies!) and her JD from Brigham Young University. She lives in Waterbury with her husband, 2 college-aged children, 6 cats and 1 dog - all rescues (the pets – not the husband and children!).

Lisa has an incredible love for animals, which is evident in pets she has saved. Her cat Richard Parker rescued the Lugauskas family last year. He was a stray involved in a horrific fight that cost him one eye (who *really* needs 2 eyes?) and part of his jaw. He’s doing great now and at 7 pounds, has taken on the role of the alpha in the entire house.

Her beautiful dog Sirius Black (if you know where they got that name, you win absolutely nothing, but – good for you!) found his way into their hearts 2 years ago from Labs4Rescue. He was born south of the Mason/Dixon but was involved in a car accident and lost a leg. Who *really* needs 4 legs? When Lisa is not busy with her dogs, kids and husband (not necessarily in that order), she has been the longstanding Secretary of the Waterbury Bar Association, and is in charge of our CLE programs.

~Submitted by friends of Lisa Lugauskas

