



# Themis newsletter

Central New York Women's Bar Association | Summer 2011



## President's message

by Deborah Sundquist O'Malley

Dear Members:

Greetings! As we enter into another fall here in Central New York, I am eager to welcome you to another exciting year of events with the Central New York Women's Bar Association. As many of you know, I was installed as the new President of the CNYWBA in June. Since that time, we have been busy hosting and planning events that we hope will appeal to each of you. Rest assured that we will work hard to make this a great year for the CNYWBA.

We began our new membership year with our annual Officers and Directors Installation, which was held on June 1st at the City Hall Commons Atrium. It was a fun event where our members came out to enjoy food and drinks, camaraderie, and to celebrate the upcoming year. We have a dynamic and accomplished Board for 2011-2012; I sincerely appreciate their willingness to donate their time and effort to promoting our organization's mission. Make sure you check out the latter part of this newsletter, where we have published bios for our 2011-12 Board members.

Our annual picnic was held at the home of Karen DeCrow in late July. This was a wonderful event and offered our members the opportunity to enjoy each other and their families. A special thanks to Karen for generously opening her beautiful home to our members. Shortly after our picnic, we co-sponsored a welcome reception for Hon. Mae D'Agostino, who was recently appointed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York. This was a memorable event to celebrate the accomplishments of a great leader in our profession.

As we look to the fall, we have several upcoming events that you should note on your calendars now. The first such event will be our annual Judicial Reception, which will be held on Wednesday, September 14th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the upstairs of Dinosaur Barbeque. In preparation for this event, our Judicial Screening Committee is working hard to thoroughly vet the judicial candidates and make solid recommendations to our organization. We will provide

more details on this soon. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this event or our screening process.

In October, we'll be hosting a social to honor our returning members and to encourage new members to join the CNYWBA. Please plan to come out and celebrate with us on October 27th from 5:30 – 7:00 at P.J.'s Pub & Grill in Armory Square. And if you have not done so already, please renew your membership now so you can continue to enjoy the benefits that membership in the CNYWBA provides. We urge you to encourage your friends and colleagues to join as well! Our membership is diverse – it includes men and women, practicing attorneys, judges, legal educators, and law students from across the region. We have once again set a goal to reach 150 members – you can help us reach this goal! If you have any questions about membership, please contact me or our Membership Chair, Emilee Lawson Hatch.

Before I close, I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize a couple of former CNYWBA leaders. First, I would like to congratulate our own Maureen Maney, partner at Hancock & Estabrook LLP, who was elected President-Elect of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY) last spring.

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# 2011 Winner of the Hon. Beatrice Krupkin Scholarship Announced

The 2011 Honorable Beatrice Krupkin Scholarship was awarded to Melissa Mead, a recent graduate of Syracuse University College of Law.

Melissa was chosen to receive the Krupkin Scholarship because of her outstanding service record and her efforts to encourage women and provide assistance to people in need. During law school, Melissa participated in the Pro Bono Bankruptcy Clinic and the Child Support Clinic. She also took on the role of Co-President of the Family Law Society, was a member of the Corporate Law Society and Entertainment and Sports Law Society, and a member of the *Syracuse Science and Technology Law Reporter*.

In addition to interning and volunteering at the Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Melissa has also worked as a research assistant for Professor Robert Rabin.

The \$500 Krupkin Scholarship is awarded annually to a law student from the Central New York community who best exemplifies academic success in law school and a keen interest in advancing the status of women in society through her eventual legal career. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation to the Krupkin Scholarship Fund, please mail a check, **payable to The Krupkin Scholarship Fund**, to CNYWBA, P.O. Box 408, Syracuse, New York 13201.

## 2011 Installation Ceremony

The Central New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association held its annual installation ceremony and cocktail reception on June 1st, 2011, at the City Hall Commons Atrium in Syracuse. The Honorable Karen Uplinger administered the oath of the office to the new board. Over thirty members attended the event, and enjoyed an evening of great food, drinks and conversation.

## President's message

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This is a laudable accomplishment for Maureen, as well as for our chapter, as Maureen will be the first CNYWBA member to serve as a WBASNY President in the more than thirty years of the organization's existence. She is very dedicated to this organization and will make an excellent President. Congratulations Maureen!

I would also like to extend sincerest gratitude to immediate CNYWBA past President Heidi White McCormick for her direction and leadership during this past year. In addition to having been a great leader for our chapter, Heidi is also a good friend. So, thanks to Heidi, and congratulations on your accomplishments during the past year.

Having served on the CNYWBA Board for a number of years, I have witnessed firsthand the support and camaraderie our members enjoy through participation in the CNYWBA. It is an honor to now serve as President of a group of professionals who are truly committed to making a difference and enriching the lives of others. Throughout the year we will strive to uphold our mission and continue to offer relevant and useful programming. As such, if you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued participation, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Deborah Sundquist O'Malley  
President

## Save the Date

### **CNYWBA Annual Judicial Reception**

Date: Wednesday,  
September 14, 2011  
Time: 5:30-7:30 pm  
Where: Upstairs at the  
Dinosaur BBQ



### **Membership Reception**

Date: Thursday, October 27,  
2011  
Time: 5:30-7:00 pm  
Where: P.J.'s Pub & Grill  
Armory Square,  
116 Walton Street



## Women in Law and Medicine Dinner a Great Success



by Karen DeCrow

The seventh annual joint dinner between the Central New York Women's Bar Association and the SUNY Upstate Women in Medicine was held on March 31st at the Genesee Grand Hotel in Syracuse. Our topic this year was Women in Music and Art. A truly creative and entertaining event, it gave guests some issues to think about as they go about their lives.

John Gardner, the writer, said art is our only "tragic-comic holding action against entropy... Art rediscovers generation by generation, what is necessary to humanness." Music and art have no age, no gender. Music and art are what make us human. We explored whether girls and boys, women and men, have been welcomed equally into the arena. What has been more of a male locker room than a National Football League? Perhaps the symphony orchestra, until a few years ago. Perhaps academies of art, over the centuries.

The evening was about humanities. It is art and music that give us joy. When life is not going well, a balm. See a Michelangelo, hear a Haydn Quartet, and one knows why it is good to be alive. When life is going perfectly, art and music elevate our experience to paradise. Over the centuries, have men and women had different experiences in the world of art, in the world of music? Have they had the same opportunities, to study, to play, to exhibit, to teach? Does it make a difference?



## Member Spotlight

Congratulations to Janet Callahan, who became the managing partner at Hancock Estabrook this year, and is the first and only female managing partner of a law firm in the Syracuse area.

# Summer Garden Party

This year our summer picnic was held at the home of long-time member and CNYWBA founder Karen DeCrow. Several members and their families joined us for this annual event, which was held on July 28th. While rain moved the party indoors, this did not stop the merriment! Members and their families enjoyed a fun evening of conversation, food from the Limp Lizard, and champagne provided by our host, Karen DeCrow. A very special thank you to Karen for opening her beautiful home to us!



## Welcome Reception for Hon. Mae A. D'Agostino U.S. District Court Judge

On Tuesday, August 2, 2011, the CNYWBA co-hosted a reception to welcome Judge Mae A. D'Agostino as the newest District Court Judge for the Northern District of New York. Judge D'Agostino is presently the only woman on the District Court bench here in the Northern District, and only the second in history. The first was our own Hon. Rosemary Pooler, who moved to the Second Circuit in 1998. It has been 13 years since we have had a woman sitting on this bench.

Judge D'Agostino is an excellent role model for women. She has had an exemplary career and has made remarkable accomplishments thus far. She has ties to Central New York, as she graduated from the Syracuse University College of Law.

The event was well-attended, and was hosted at the Atrium at City Hall Commons, with catering by Karen's Catering. The CNYWBA was proud to co-sponsor this event and honor this remarkable woman.

# CNYWBA receives 2011 Public Service Award from the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations

By Diane R. Chappell-Daly

It was a privilege to accept the Public Service Award from the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations Clinic in Toronto on August 5, 2011, on behalf of CNYWBA for our Domestic Violence Law Clinic. An affiliate of the ABA, The National Conference of Women's Bar Associations (NCWBA) was formed in 1981 by a group of women lawyers to strengthen women's bar associations. Since 1998 they have held annual summits to share best practices and support women in the profession of law.

The Law Society of Upper Canada partnered with the NCWBA to host this year's summit in Toronto, Ontario with a theme of "Strength Across Borders." From the moment we arrived in Toronto we were graciously hosted by Canadian lawyers and made to feel very welcome. In addition to the summit, we were treated to two receptions and an inspiring awards lunch.

We heard from a panel on Combating Sex Trafficking consisting of Janet Stansberry Drake, a prosecutor from Colorado, Joy Smith, a Member of Parliament in Canada, and Robin Thompson, a human rights attorney from Tallahassee, FL. Human trafficking is an enormous, and largely unaddressed, problem around the world, including in Canada and the US. Over 12 million people are trafficked each year. Sex trafficking is the most common form of human trafficking and women and girls



are its predominant victims. The NCWBA hopes to encourage action on this issue by providing education and resources to local bar associations.

We also heard an entertaining and information-packed presentation on technology resources entitled "30 in 30." Erik Mazzone, from the North Carolina Bar Association, described 30 ideas in 30 minutes for free or inexpensive technology that would assist us in promoting our organizations and our practices. Many women's bar leaders shared ideas on the Best Practices of their organizations. I shared information on some of our successful programs including the Chamber Chats, the Eight-Minute Mentoring Program and our Law and Medicine Dinner.

The afternoon sessions were devoted to presentations on Women Supporting Women. We heard from researcher, Ann Litwin, on her thesis

of how women's "friendship rules" can sabotage success in the workplace. We also heard from Deborah Epstein Henry, author of "Law and Re-Order," on the topics of work/life balance, promotion, compensation and other areas of challenge in the legal workplace. Finally, we heard from Lisa Borsook, managing partner at WeirFoulds, a co-sponsor of the summit, who addressed the issue of flextime, and Rear Admiral Nanette DeRenzi who addressed the military legal environment.

The highlight for me of course was accepting the Public Service Award on behalf of our chapter and describing our Domestic Violence Legal Clinic. One of the aspects of our clinic that stands out for me is the successful partnership with Vera House. The fact that Vera House so ably administers the program and, in many cases provides casework support to the consultees, makes it rewarding for the lawyers and those for whom we provide consultations. The fact that we have more volunteers every year than we have volunteer slots available to fill, is a tribute to the success and longevity of the law clinic. Thank you to all of you who have worked on this program over the last 16 years and for the opportunity to represent our organization in accepting this award.

I hope to share more information about the NCWBA and the 2011 Summit in the future. In the meantime, to learn more visit the NCWBA website at [www.ncwba.org](http://www.ncwba.org).

# Board of Director and Officer Biographies

## Deborah Sundquist O'Malley President

Deborah is beginning her second year as a visiting professor at Syracuse University College of Law, where she teaches legal research and writing to first year law students. Prior to working at the College of Law, Deborah was an associate with the law firm of Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith, P.C., focusing her practice in the areas of corporate law and commercial real estate transactions. Deborah has also practiced real estate and corporate law in Idaho.

She received her J.D. from American University – Washington College of Law and obtained her undergraduate degree from Iowa State University. In her spare time, Deborah enjoys reading, cooking, camping, canoeing, and spending time with her family. Deborah lives in Clay with her husband, Tim, and daughter, Katherine.

## Heidi White McCormick Immediate Past President

Heidi White McCormick is the Executive Director of the Family Law and Social Policy Center at Syracuse University College of Law. In this capacity, she is responsible for providing applied learning opportunities for law students interested in pursuing family law, administering several components of the Syracuse Medical-Legal Partnership, and coordinating pro bono legal support for SAY YES to Education.

Prior to working at Syracuse University, Heidi served as one of only twenty-five national AmeriCorps/Equal Justice Works Attorneys. In this position, she developed and implemented the infrastructure for the Law Students in Action Project, a pro bono program. Heidi has been a member of the CNYWBA Board in various positions since 2004. She serves as a presenter at both national and statewide medical-legal partnership conferences as well as continuing legal education programs for the New York State Bar Association and the CNYWBA.

Heidi obtained her J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law and her B.A. from LeMoyne College. During her free time, she enjoys teaching group cycling classes and exercising her dog, Oscar. Heidi resides in Syracuse with her husband, Michael, and son, Cameron.

## Mary C. King President Elect

Mary is an associate with the law firm of Hancock Estabrook, LLP, and is a member of the firm's Trusts and Estates and Elder Law practice groups. Her practice concentrates on trust and estate planning and administration in New York and Florida. Mary is a graduate of Le Moyne College and Syracuse University College of Law.

She participates in the Onondaga County Volunteer Lawyers Project and the Syracuse City Court Small Claims Arbitration Program. Mary

also volunteers her time as board member for On Point for College, Inc. and Transitional Living Services.

## Danielle Mikalajunas Fogel Vice President

Danielle Mikalajunas Fogel is experienced in resolving liability cases including insurance defense, personal injury and medical malpractice. Previously, she was a forensic scientist for the New York State Police.

Ms. Fogel is admitted to practice before all New York State courts and U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York. She is a member of the American Bar Association, New York Bar Association, Onondaga County Bar Association and Central New York Women's Bar Association. She previously served as the chair of the Beatrice Krupkin Scholarship Committee and director of membership.

She is a graduate of Albany College of Pharmacy, Utica College of Syracuse University (B.S. Biology/Psychology, cum laude) and Syracuse University College of Law. She is an adjunct professor of Constitutional Law at Cayuga Community College. She was a board member and vice president for the Stevens Swan Humane Association of Oneida County and formerly taught Constitutional Law as an adjunct professor at Cayuga Community College.

She lives in Manlius with her husband, Michael, and their sons.

## Trista F. O'Hara

### Treasurer

Trista F. O'Hara graduated from the Syracuse University College of Law in 2005. Since January of 2011, Trista has been an associate attorney with Bentkofsky, Champion & Orville, PLLC in Auburn, New York, where she practices in the area of bankruptcy law. Prior to this year, Trista had served as a non-profit attorney in the Central New York area.

Additionally, Trista is an adjunct faculty member at Bryant & Stratton College where she teaches paralegal studies. Prior to beginning her role as treasurer in 2010, Trista had served on the Women's Bar Association Pro Bono Projects Committee for two years. She has also been involved in numerous pro bono projects in the Central New York area. Trista and her husband David have been married since 2006 and have a two year old son, Jackson. They are expecting a second baby this winter; they currently reside in Auburn, New York.

## Ann Magnarelli Alexander

### Secretary

Ann Magnarelli Alexander grew up in Syracuse, New York, attending Our Lady of Pompei School and Christian Brothers Academy before going on to the State University of New York at Geneseo, where she majored in Political Science. Upon receiving her Bachelor's degree, Mrs. Alexander worked on the Education Committee for the New York State Assembly until 2003 when she returned to Syracuse to attend law school.

Mrs. Alexander earned her law degree from the Syracuse University College of Law and received a Masters in Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship. She graduated from both schools with honors in 2006.

After graduating from law school, Mrs. Alexander worked as an Assistant Appellate Court Attorney for the Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department. Mrs. Alexander returned to Syracuse in 2007 and is currently working as an associate in the litigation and appellate advocacy practice groups at Smith, Sovik, Kendrick & Sugnet, P.C.

## Directors with Standing Committees

### Emilee Lawson Hatch

#### Membership

Emilee Lawson Hatch is an associate in the Trusts and Estates group at the law firm of Green & Seifter PLLC. Following Emilee's graduation from Syracuse University College of Law in 2008, she obtained an L.L.M. in Estate Planning from the University of Miami School of Law. She focuses her practice on trust and estate planning, as well as estate administration, special needs planning, elder law, not-for-profit organizations, and advocacy with regarding to individual, estate, and business tax matters.

Emilee volunteers her time as a board member with The Newland Center for Adult Learning and Literacy and The Prevention Network. She is also a volunteer with the "Say Yes to Education" Legal Clinic and the Vera House Clinic. She is currently

the Membership Director of the CNYWBA, where she previously served as chair of the Beatrice Krupkin Scholarship Committee.

### Meghan McLees

#### Programs and Awards

Meghan is Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Syracuse and focuses her practice in the areas of housing, planning, zoning and litigation. Prior to joining the City's Law Department, Meghan was a Court Attorney with the Appellate Division Fourth Department in Rochester, New York. She is currently a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Onondaga County Bar Association, the Central New York Women's Bar Association, the Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association and the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers. Meghan volunteers for the "Say Yes to Education" Legal Clinic, the Vera House Clinic, and participates in the Volunteer Lawyer's Project through the Onondaga County Bar Association.

Meghan is an alum of Westhill High School in Syracuse, and graduated from the State University of New York at Geneseo in 2005 with degrees in French Language & Literature, and International Relations. Meghan received her law degree from Syracuse University College of Law, cum laude, in 2008 and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2009. Meghan lives in Syracuse with her husband, Matthew and their dog Ralph.

## Samantha Millier WBASNY

Samantha Millier is a litigation associate with Mackenzie Hughes LLP. Her practice focuses on commercial disputes, insurance coverage, and personal injury. Samantha graduated cum laude from Colgate University in 2006. She graduated cum laude from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 2009.

While in law school, Samantha served as Notes Editor for the Kentucky Law Journal and was a member of the Moot Court Board. Samantha currently volunteers for the Onondaga County Volunteer Lawyers Project as a Landlord Tenant Court Volunteer Attorney, and is a member of the Junior League of Syracuse.

## Natalie Hempson Weiskotten Public Relations/Newsletter

Natalie grew up in Cortland, New York, where she graduated from Homer High School in 2000. In 2004, she graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Hobart and William Colleges, where she majored in Political Science and Art History. Natalie received her J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law, and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2009.

Natalie is currently an associate at Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, where she practices in the firm's Business Law and Transactions department. Natalie is a member of the New York State Bar Association, Onondaga County Bar Association and the Central New York Women's Bar Association, and has volunteered at the Pro Bono Projects Committee's Vera House clinic since 2008. Natalie

currently resides in Jamesville, with her husband Michael.

## Bryn Lovejoy-Grinnell Pro Bono Projects

Bryn Lovejoy-Grinnell is in her second year on the Board as the Chair of Pro Bono Projects, in which role she coordinates the Vera House legal clinic and organizes the annual free CLE for volunteer attorneys. She is a staff attorney at the Hiscock Legal Aid Society in the Domestic Violence Project, where she represents victims of domestic violence in Family, Supreme and Integrated Domestic Violence Courts. Bryn received her J.D. from Cornell Law School in 2008 and her B.A. from Harvard University in 2002. With her husband, Jeffrey Leibo, who is a criminal defense attorney, Bryn has twin boys born in May 2011.

## Divya Hoffman Krupkin Scholarship

Divya Hoffmann is an associate with Diane R. Chappell-Daly, Attorney at Law, a practice focused on immigration and nationality law. Divya's work covers a broad range of family and employment immigration issues. Divya obtained her J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law in 2008. She obtained her Bachelor's degree (2005) from Reed College. Divya and her husband, Gustav, live in Syracuse.

In her free time, Divya enjoys reading, watching movies, hiking, and spending time at the family farm. Divya is a member of the OCBA and CNYWBA. She is also a volunteer attorney for the Vera House Monday Night Legal Clinic and the Talk-to-a-Lawyer Clinic at the Westcott Community Center.

## Directors at Large

### Karen DeCrow

Karen is a nationally recognized author and attorney specializing in Constitutional law, gender and age discrimination, and civil liberties. Her long involvement with the National Organization for Women ("NOW") goes back to 1967; from 1968 to 1974, she served as National Board Member of NOW, and from 1974 to 1977 as its President. In 1988, she co-founded (with Robert Seidenberg, M.D.) World Women Watch. Karen is the author of many articles and columns in publications such as The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, and USA Today.

In 1990, she was given the Syracuse University Press Club's Professional Recognition Award for Best Newspaper Column. She has also written several books: University Adult Education (co-authored with Roger DeCrow, American Council on Education, 1967), The Young Women's Guide to Liberation (Bobbs-Merrill, 1971), Sexist Justice (Random House, 1974), Women Who Marry Houses: Panic and Protest in Agoraphobia (with Robert Seidenberg, M.D., McGraw-Hill, 1983).

In 2009, Karen was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame, located in Seneca Falls, New York. She also received the George Arents Award from Syracuse University and the President's Medal from the State University of New York at Oswego. She is one of the founding members of the Central New York Women's Bar Association and has been a long time board member. She lives in Jamesville.

## Renee James

Renee is of counsel to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (“NYSPHSAA”). She is a graduate of SUNY Cortland and Albany Law School of Union University. Prior to joining NYSPHSAA, she was a partner with the firm of Hancock Estabrook, LLP.

Renee resides in Jamesville with her husband, John Murad, and their three children, Matthew, Bess, and Patrick.

## Lisa DiPoala Haber

Lisa is currently serving as law clerk to the Honorable David E. Peebles, United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of New York. Prior to accepting her recent appointment, Lisa was a partner and Chair of the Business Litigation Group at the law firm of Gilberti, Stinziano, Heintz & Smith, P. C. where her practice encompassed general commercial and complex litigation as well as personal injury litigation, including trial and appellate work in both state and federal courts.

Upon graduating magna cum laude from Syracuse University College of Law, Lisa served as a confidential law clerk to the justices of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department. She also served as a law clerk at the trial court level, working with former New York State Supreme Court Justice, Parker J. Stone, and was an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Syracuse. Lisa is admitted to practice law in the State of New York as well as the Northern, Western and Southern Districts of the United States District Courts for New York and the Second and Seventh Circuits of the United

States Court of Appeals. As a former member of the American Bar Association, she co-chaired and served on the executive committee of the ABA Women Rainmakers. She is currently on the Board of Directors for the Oncenter and serves on the Grievance and Continuing Legal Education Committees for the Onondaga County Bar Association. Lisa is also a member of the Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association. Lisa is a magna cum laude graduate of the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. She has lectured on various topics and has been an active participant in charitable, civic, and political activities.

## Christina DeJoseph

Christie grew up in Syracuse, New York, where she graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in 1999. She graduated from Le Moyne College in 2003, receiving a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science cum laude. Christie earned her law degree from Syracuse University College of Law in 2006, and was admitted to practice in New York in February 2007.

After graduating from law school, Christie worked in the Tort and Environmental Law practice group at King & Spalding in Atlanta, Georgia. She returned to Syracuse in 2007 to begin working as an associate with Costello Cooney & Fearon, PLLC, where she currently practices in the litigation department. Christie is a member of the New York State Bar Association, Onondaga County Bar Association, and the Central New York Women’s Bar Association.

## Heather Sunser

Heather is an associate with the law firm of Hiscock & Barclay, LLP and is a member of the Financial Services and Telecommunications practice groups. She focuses much of her practice on real estate and banking matters. She completed her B.A. at SUNY Albany, her M.A. in American History from SUNY Oswego, and her J.D. at Syracuse University College of Law.

She provides pro bono legal support to various programs in the Syracuse area including the Onondaga County Volunteers Lawyer Project, Say Yes to Education Legal Clinic and Habitat for Humanity. In addition she serves on the Salvation Army Young Leaders Advisory Council, the Board of the Friends of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo and her children’s elementary school PTA.

## Elizabeth Moeller

Elizabeth is a graduate of Syracuse University College of Law (2007). She earned her B.A. from Syracuse University (2002) and a M.S. in Education from Lehman College (2004), which was earned through participation in the New York City Teaching Fellows program.

Elizabeth is currently an associate with D.J. & J.A. Cirando Esqs., where she focuses her practice on appeals of family court, matrimonial and general civil matters. Elizabeth has written appellate briefs for appeals in the Second, Third and Fourth Departments of the Appellate Division and has made many appearances to argue before the panel in the Appellate Division, Fourth Department.

**Hon. Rosemary Pooler**  
Ex Officio

Judge Pooler earned a B.A. from Brooklyn College, an M.A. from the University of Connecticut, and a law degree from the University of Michigan. Following graduation from law school, Judge Pooler entered private law practice in Syracuse. In 1972, she was appointed as the Director of the Consumer Affairs Unit in the Syracuse Corporation Counsel's Office, serving in the post for one year. From 1974-1975, she served on the Syracuse City Council. In 1975, she was appointed as Chairman of the New York State Consumer Protection Board, serving until 1980. The following year, she was appointed to the state Public Service Commission. In 1987, she served as a committee staff member for the New York State Assembly.

Following a position on the law faculty at Syracuse University, she served for a year as Vice President of Legal Affairs at the Atlantic States Legal Foundation. In 1990, she was elected as a Justice for the Fifth Judicial District of the Supreme Court of New York. Four years later, she was appointed to the federal bench by President Bill Clinton, serving from 1994 to 1998, as a federal district judge in the Northern District of New York. She received her current appointment as a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in 1998.



## Membership Corner



### It's time to renew your membership!

One of our goals in 2011-2012 is to increase our membership. Hard to believe, but it is time to renew. In order to help us reach our goal, we are offering an added incentive to get your membership application in early. Our members enjoy lower rates for our various events and programs held throughout the year as compared with rates paid by non-members. The savings that are achieved over the course of a year by being a member are often in excess of the actual cost to join.

As even more incentive, all those who renew (or join) at the sustaining member rate of \$125 will receive free admission to our Judicial Reception, to be held on September 14th. Membership applications must be postmarked by September 1, 2011 in order to take advantage of this offer.

The membership application is included on the following page. Thank you for your continuing support of the Central New York Women's Bar Association!

The CNYWBA would like to thank **Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC**, for joining the CNYWBA on behalf of all of their women attorneys for the 2011-2012 year. We appreciate their support and hope other local firms will follow in their footsteps.

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& KING

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# CENTRAL NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

A CHAPTER OF THE WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
PO Box 408  
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13201-0408

## Membership Application – June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012

Name \_\_\_\_\_  New Member  Renewal

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Work or Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Area of Practice \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member*** ***Includes FREE admission to Annual Judicial Reception if application is post marked by September 1st !!	\$125	<p><i>Please return your form with a check payable to CNYWBA to:</i></p> <p><b>CNYWBA Membership PO Box 408 Syracuse, New York 13201-0408</b></p> <p><i>If you have any questions, please contact: Emilee Lawson Hatch, CNYWBA Membership Chair</i></p> <p><i>elawsonhatch@GSLAW.com (315) 701-6419</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Attorney	\$95	
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired (certified by OCA)	\$65	
<input type="checkbox"/> Awaiting admission/Admitted less than 1 year	\$60	
<input type="checkbox"/> Law Student (non-voting)	\$20	
<input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate (non-attorney)	\$50	
<b>TOTAL REMITTED</b> \$ _____		

### The Honorable Beatrice Krupkin Scholarship Fund

This is a CNYWBA scholarship awarded to a law student in CNY who best exemplifies academic success in law school combined with financial need and a keen interest in advancing the status of women in society through her legal career. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to this fund, please include a **separate check made payable to the Krupkin Scholarship Fund**. Indicate Krupkin donation amount here: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Improvement and Involvement

1. Please indicate any programs or CLE's that you would like CNYWBA to offer to its members?  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you willing to be a speaker at a CLE or other program?  No  Yes, Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you are interested in serving on the CNYWBA Board of Directors next year?  Yes  No

### Member Communication

Please note that CNYWBA newsletter and announcements about upcoming events are sent via email to all members. If you do not have an email address and wish to receive a paper copy of our newsletter or events, please mail your request to the CNYWBA Membership Director, PO Box 408, Syracuse, New York 13201.