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Central New York Women's Bar Association | Winter 2011-2012



## President's Message

by Deborah Sundquist O'Malley

Dear Members,

As we ring in the holidays, it's hard to believe we're drawing a close to yet another year. The Central New York Women's Bar Association has had a busy year and we are looking forward to even more events to come in 2012.

In September, we hosted our 30th Annual Judicial Reception at Upstairs at Dinosaur BBQ. Attendees spent the evening enjoying great food and conversing with members of the local judiciary – and judicial candidates – who attended the event. The event was a great success with over 80 members of the local bar and judiciary in attendance.

On October 27th, we hosted a Membership Reception at PJ's Pub & Grill in Armory Square to celebrate our organization's members and to encourage new members to join. In attendance were judges, law clerks, professors, and public and private sector attorneys. Those members who braved the cold (and the events taking place in Armory Square!) enjoyed a good time mingling with old friends and meeting new ones.

This holiday season, our organization has much to celebrate, as one of our long-time active members, Therese Wiley Dancks, was recently named as a federal magistrate judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York. Importantly, Therese will be the first full-time female magistrate judge in our District. We congratulate Therese for this remarkable accomplishment. In the spring, we will be hosting a members-only reception to honor Therese – stay tuned for details.

Our board is already hard at work planning additional upcoming winter and spring events. We are looking forward to a post-holiday party in January, our eight-minute mentoring event with SU law students, a chamber chat, and our annual women in law and medicine dinner. Be sure to check the events section of our website at [www.cnywba.org](http://www.cnywba.org) frequently for more information on our upcoming programs.

And finally, a reminder – we're still working hard to bring in more members this year. A special thanks goes out to Green & Seifter, PLLC and Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, who joined the CNYWBA on behalf of all of their women attorneys for the 2011-2012 year. We appreciate their support, and hope that other local firms will follow suit. Furthermore, I encourage each of you to take a moment and reach out to a friend or colleague and encourage her or him to join our dynamic organization. As always, our membership application is available on our website at [www.cnywba.org](http://www.cnywba.org). You can also reach out to me personally and I would be happy to send you a copy of our membership application.

Thanks to you all for your continued support of the CNYWBA. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events and, in the meantime, wish all of you a healthy and happy holiday season!

Warm regards,  
Deborah Sundquist O'Malley  
President

# New Member Reception

By Samantha Millier

## Welcome New Members

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Membership Reception on October 27, 2011. Members and guests gathered at PJ's Pub & Grill in Armory Square to enjoy an evening among colleagues and friends. In attendance were public and private sector attorneys, judges, law clerks, and professors. During the event, President Deborah S. O'Malley welcomed new members and thanked those in attendance. Please look for upcoming events, including our annual Holiday Party, for future opportunities to socialize and network with our members. We also remind you of our goal to reach 150 members by the end of the year and ask you to encourage your colleagues and friends to join the CNYWBA!



## Member Spotlight



It is with great pleasure that the Central New York Women's Bar Association recognizes a recent and notable accomplishment of long-time CNYWBA member Therese Wiley Dancks. Therese was recently named as a federal magistrate judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York. Therese, a partner with the law firm of Gale & Dancks, LLC, has devoted countless hours to the CNYWBA, having been active on the Board for many years.

Therese is also a past president of our chapter, and was instrumental in helping to found the CNYWBA's Vera House Legal Clinic. Importantly, Therese will be the first full-time female magistrate judge in our District. Therese will take office in February 2012. The Northern District has much to look forward to in her leadership. We are so proud of her, and know that she will be an excellent judge!

**Congratulations to Therese!**

# 30th Annual Judicial Reception

The CNYWBA annual judicial reception was held Upstairs at Dinosaur BBQ on the evening of Wednesday, September 14, 2011. Attendees spent the evening enjoying great food and conversing with members of the local judiciary who attended the event. During her remarks, CNYWBA President Deborah Sundquist O'Malley thanked the judges for attending and acknowledged the judicial candidates running for re-election. She also thanked the CNYWBA Judicial Screening Committee chair, Lisa DiPoala Haber, for her efforts in directing the screening committee, as well as the reception's planning co-chairs, Mary King and Lisa DiPoala Haber, for their efforts in organizing a fantastic event. In addition to our CNYWBA friends and members of the local judiciary who were in attendance, we were honored to have Karen Richardson, President of WBASNY, present for our judicial reception. Overall, a great time was had by everyone in attendance!



The CNYWBA would like to thank the following firms, which sponsored the reception:

- Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC
- D.J. & J.A. Cirando, Esqs.
- Costello Cooney & Fearon, PLLC
- DeFrancisco & Falgiatano Law Firm
- Gale & Dancks, LLC
- Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith, P.C.
- Green Seifter Attorneys, PLLC
- Hancock Estabrook, LLP
- Hiscock & Barclay, LLP
- Mackenzie Hughes, LLP
- Smith Sovik Kendrick & Sugnet, P.C.
- Sugarman Law Firm, LLP

# Save the Date



## CNYWBA Post-Holiday Bash

Save the Date: January 19, 2012  
*More details coming soon....*



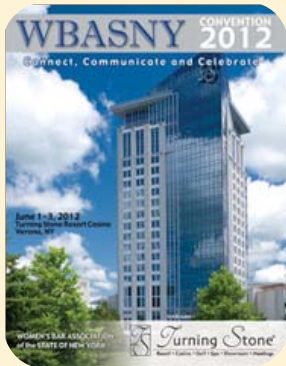
## Annual Women in Law and Medicine Dinner

Date: Thursday, March 29, 2012  
Where: Genesee Grande Hotel  
1060 E. Genesee Street, Syracuse  
*More details coming soon....*



## WBASNY CONVENTION 2012

When: June 1 – June 3, 2012  
Where: Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, NY



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