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The President's Message

By Patrick D'Arcy



As a first generation Irishman, let me be the first to wish everyone a very Happy St. Patrick's Day! My family never really "celebrated" when I was growing up as it was viewed as a holy day in Ireland, but now, as an adult Irish-American, I must admit it can be a fun day – I hope you enjoy the day and stay safe.

I am pleased to report that the Atlantic County Bar Association now has a **website**. Our address is www.atcobar.org. You can post job openings, check out our upcoming events section, view pictures of events and read past e-Dockets. We will continue to improve the site and please let me know of any helpful suggestions.

As tradition dictates, it was my privilege recently to assist our newest member of the Atlantic County Judiciary – the Honorable Nelson Johnson – with the inaugural donning of his "black robe." Naturally, I didn't completely unzip it and difficulty ensued. Judge Delury is well aware of my robe-fitting ineptness. I'm not sure if there will be any more opportunities, but I've spent an hour practicing the unzipping process. Judge Nelson, we welcome you and know that the warm relationship the ACBA has with our Judiciary will continue to flourish.

All members of the ACBA and their spouses are invited to the Spring Break Soiree. This is held in conjunction with the Young Lawyer's Division and will be in lieu of a separate March Dinner. It will take place on March 23rd at the Planet Rose in the Quarter at the Tropicana from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes an Exclusive Private Party (Cash Bar), DJ, Karaoke and a fabulous menu. Please contact Mary Berard by March 16th to confirm your attendance. Come on out and have some fun with your colleagues.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. April 28th at the House of Blues, we will be **Rockin' the Kitchen!** A great event has been planned honoring Sister Jean Webster. Details will be included in this issue of the docket. We need sponsors and, as well as a great attendance to support an absolutely monumental event.

Spring is on the way. We have great things planned. Please get involved. I'll talk to you next month.

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***2006 Installation of Officers
Dinner Dance will be held on***

June 9, 2006

The House of Blues

TO A YOUNG GIRL

by: W. B. Yeats (1865-1939)

MY dear, my dear, I know
More than another
What makes your heart beat so;
Not even your own mother
Can know it as I know,
Who broke my heart for her
When the wild thought,
That she denies
And has forgot,
Set all her blood astir
And glittered in her eyes.



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The Atlantic County Bar Association would like to thank all of the people who volunteered for the High School Mock Trial Competition this year. For the first time we held three rounds at the criminal courthouse and it was a great success. Below I am listing the attorneys and Judges who volunteered this year as coaches, bailiffs and Judges. I hope that I didn't leave anyone out. As you can see, it takes a large percentage of the Bar Association to run this program. Many of the volunteers have been doing this for over a decade. The Atlantic County Competition is easy to run because of all of the support I receive from our Judges, members of the Bar Association, court personnel and sheriffs' officers. We have a competitive county because the attorney coaches spend so much time with the teams.

After many years of coaching, Carmen Faia, Chet Wiech and Bob Pancari will be retiring this year (they tried to retire last year but my shameless begging kept them on board – it won't work again). So we will need coaches for EHT and Buena Regional High School next year. Call me. Thanks for another great year everybody, Kim Bloomer

Judge Perskie
Judge Higbee
Judge Kane
Judge DeLury
Judge Nugent
Judge Isman
Judge Maven
Judge Switzer
Judge Fauntleroy
Ret. Judge Williams
Ret. Judge Greenberg
Ret. Judge Gibson
Ret. Judge Gross
Gary Griffith
Richard Carlucci
Daniel Cahill
Mandi Love
Jerry Steiner
Stephanie Olivo
Eric Robinson
Pat Sampoli
Randy Lafferty
Pat D'Arcy
Rick Albuquerque
Mark Roddy
John Rosenberger
Paul Gallagher
Steve Holtzman

Jeff McClain
Rich Press
Chris Baylinson
Sue Curcio
Steve Feldman
Will Flower
Mark Hurvitz
Mitch Waldman
Steve Rosenfeld
Donna Taylor
Mike Gill
Jeff Light
Mark Pfeffer
Michelle Verno
Lars Hyberg
Rich King
Darrin Lord
Murray Talasnik
Joe White
Carmine Tagliatalatta
Robin Tolg
Bob Pancari
Chet Wiech
Carmen Faia
Kyle Keller
Eric Robinson
Sarah Beth Johnson
Dan Murray

Bob Beakley
Casey MacDonald
Harry Franks
Jennifer Off
Robert Loefflad
Lauren Tyler
Danielle Buckley
Colin Bell
Mariel Giletto
Alex Barrera
Lynn Heyer
Frank Lentz
Sarah Deyo
Fenix Manning
Elaine Frick
Kevin McCabe
Jim Quinlan
Sam Wolf
Ernest Aponte
Eric Fingerman
Devon Flood
Noah Heck
Tim Lowry
Scott Northridge
Ellen Loughney
Darrin Lord
Bill Subin

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New Jersey Judiciary Philip S. Carchman, Acting Administrative Director of the Courts njcourtonline.com



Judiciary News Release

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Howard H. Berchtold Jr. Named Trial Court Administrator for Atlantic and Cape May Vicinage

Assignment Judge Valerie H. Armstrong of the Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage today announced the appointment of Howard H. Berchtold Jr. as trial court administrator.

Under New Jersey court rules, the administrative director of the courts appoints the trial court administrator in each vicinage. Acting Administrative Director Philip S. Carchman said that he named Mr. Berchtold on the strong recommendation of Judge Armstrong.

The trial court administrator is the highest ranking staff executive in the vicinage in charge of all court operations, including financial management, human resources, information systems, case coordination, case flow management, probation services, jury utilization, facilities, equipment, maintenance, records management and statistical analysis.

Mr. Berchtold joined the Atlantic/Cape May vicinage as municipal court liaison in 1981, and served as the vicinage jury manager from 1983 to 1985. In 1985, he was named Municipal Division manager and also assumed the role of assistant trial court administrator, helping to manage the vicinage during the occasional absence of the trial court administrator. He has been the acting trial court administrator since December 2005.

“Howard knows this vicinage inside and out. We have relied on his wisdom and leadership in many capacities over the years,” said Judge Armstrong. “He is an assured and experienced manager and I have no doubt he will assume this new role with his usual composure,” she added.

Mr. Berchtold holds a B.A. from Stockton State College and became a fellow of the Institute for Court Management in 1986 after completing the Court Executive Development Program of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). He has taught court management strategies to a wide variety of audiences and is an active member of both NCSC and the National Association for Court Management, and he is currently the vice president of the Mid-Atlantic Association for Court Management.

“I have enjoyed every moment of my Judiciary career and, I am particularly looking forward to developing new programs in the areas of training and case management. I thank Judge Armstrong and Judge Carchman for this opportunity and I believe we can make the Judiciary, and in particular the Atlantic/Cape May vicinage, an even stronger organization,” said Mr. Berchtold.

Mr. Berchtold and his wife Donna Marie, a music teacher, reside in Galloway Township with their two daughters, Lauren and Heather.

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ATLANTIC COUNTY VERDICTS

<p>Caption: Gonzalez vs Layton Case Type: Automobile Negligence Docket Number: L-3496-03 Date of Verdict: 2/16/06 Judge: Nelson C. Johnson, J.S.C. Plaintiff's Attorney: Jennifer Deiter Defendant's Attorney: L. Patricia Sampoli Trial Type: Jury Verdict: \$50,000</p>	<p>Caption: Cade vs Vision 2000 Case Type: Contract Docket Number: L-1144-04 Date of Verdict: 2/17/06 Judge: Daryl F. Todd, Sr., J.S.C. Plaintiff's Attorney: Peter Baker Defendant's Attorney: Henry Warner Trial Type: Jury Verdict: \$40,000</p>
<p>Caption: Decristotofaro vs Trump Taj Mahal Case Type: Law Against Discrimination Docket Number: L-805-02 Date of Verdict: 2/6/06 Judge: Steven P. Perskie, J.S.C. Plaintiff's Attorney: Mark Pfeffer Defendant's Attorney: Russell Lichtenstein Trial Type: Jury Verdict: \$194,740 plus prejudgment costs</p>	<p>Caption: Huggins vs Stepatcher Case Type: Automobile Negligence Docket Number: L-2834-03 Date of Verdict: 1/24/06 Judge: Daryl F. Todd, Sr., JSC Plaintiff's Attorney: Steven Johnson Defendant's Attorney: Peter Kober Trial Type: Jury Verdict: \$67,088.02</p>
<p>Caption: Hughes vs Knots Case Type: Automobile Negligence Docket Number: L-3771-02 Date of Verdict: 2/27/06 Judge: Joseph E. Kane, J.S.C. Plaintiff's Attorney: Barry Cohen , Susan Petro Defendant's Attorney: L. Patricia Sampoli Trial Type: Jury Verdict: No Cause</p>	<p>Caption: Lucciola vs Home Depot Case Type: Personal Injury Docket Number: L-1506-01 Date of Verdict: 1/31/06 Judge: William E. Nugent, JSC Plaintiff - ProSe: Jacqueline Lucciola Defendant's Attorney: Jacqueline Dungee Trial Type: Jury Verdict: No Cause</p>
<p>Caption: Henry vs Pro Truck Leasing Case Type: Tort Docket Number: L-3503-03 Date of Verdict: 2/16/06 Judge: Joseph E. Kane, J.S.C. Plaintiff's Attorney: Bruce Cassidy Defendant's Attorney: David DeClemente, Kevin Dochney and Jeffrey Mintz Trial Type: Jury Verdict: Judgment \$185,000, Star Oil 80%, Aqua Tex 10%, Advance House Movers 10%</p>	<p>Caption: Riek vs Foster Case Type: Automobile Negligence Docket Number: L-3009-03 Date of Verdict: 12/20/05 Judge: Steven P Perskie, JSC Plaintiff's Attorney: George Godfrey Defendant's Attorney: Jennifer Hindermann Trial Type: Non Jury Verdict: Judgment in favor of April Reik \$20,000, Judgment in favor of Russell Riek \$5,000</p>

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<p>Caption: Austin vs Qumei Case Type: Medical Malpractice Docket Number: L-2923-03 Date of Verdict: 12/5/05 Judge: Steven P. Perskie, JSC Plaintiff's Attorney: Robert Paarz Defendant's Attorney: William Theroux Trial Type: Jury Verdict: No Cause</p>	<p>Caption: Manley vs Hagstrom Case Type: Automobile Negligence Docket Number: L-2462-03 Date of Verdict: 12/6/05 Judge: William E. Nugent, JSC Plaintiff's Attorney: Steven Harris Defendant's Attorney: Richard Guskin and Thomas Forkin Trial Type: Jury Verdict: \$15,000</p>
<p>Caption: AC Professional Baseball vs Rodman Case Type: Contract Docket Number: L-1967-04 Date of Verdict: 12/15/05 Judge: Steven P Perskie, JSC Plaintiff's Attorney: Chris Lipari Defendant's Attorney: Steven Scherzer and Michael Blee Trial Type: Jury Verdict: Judgment in favor of plaintiff</p>	<p>Caption: Cabrera vs Alverado Case Type: Automobile-Property Docket Number: L-905-04 Date of Verdict: 12/20/05 Judge: Joseph E Kane, JSC Plaintiff's Attorney: Jeffrey Sheppard Defendant's Attorney: Kim Bloomer Trial Type: Jury Verdict: No Cause</p>

ANNOUNCEMENT

**Effective Monday, January 23, 2006
the Atlantic Civil Law Docket Numbers
will be assigned as follows:**

Judge Steven P. Perskie	01-35
Judge Daryl F. Todd	36-55
Judge William E. Nugent	56-80
Judge Nelson C. Johnson	81-00