

The President's Message

Chris Baylinson

I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the Bar Association to congratulate Paul D'Amato on his receiving the Professional Lawyer of the Year Award from the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law. I cannot think of a more worthy recipient of this Award than Paul. This Award is given annually to lawyers who, by virtue of their conduct, competence and demeanor, set a positive example for others in the profession; someone we can all point to with pride as a true professional. For those of us that know Paul and who have had the pleasure of working with him, we recognize that he is truly deserving of this Award. Paul will be receiving his Award this Friday, October 13th at the Law Center in New Brunswick and all are invited to attend. I would be remiss if I did not mention that Paul is a new grandfather with his granddaughter, Bella, being born to Paul's daughter, Eva, and her husband, Steve Cocchi (of Perskie Nehmad fame), on Friday, September 29th. Congratulations.

October 13th will be a busy day for the Bar Association, as our annual Golf Tournament will be held at Ballamor starting at noon. With the hard work of Ralph Paolone, the Officers and Trustees and Mary Berard, the



Tournament already appears to be a great success with a record number of sponsors and golfers. We have the pleasure this year of having Lowe Greenwood Zerbo Spine Associates, Fidelity National Title, Congress Title Division and the Chris Ferry Insurance Agency agreeing to be Platinum Sponsors for the event with numerous other local businesses and Bar Association members taking advantage of additional sponsorship opportunities. With only a week left to the Tournament there are only 15 spots left for golfers, so for those of you who have not yet signed up, contact Mary if you want to play. For those of us who are going to the Professionalism Awards Luncheon there is the opportunity to attend the barbecue and happy hour at Ballamor after the Tournament for \$25.00. This should be a nice way to spend Friday afternoon with your colleagues.

Congratulations also go to Samantha Wolf, Esquire of Rosenberger & Wolf. Samantha is the well deserving recipient of the Rimm Award, which is given annually to the outstanding young lawyer of the year in Atlantic County. The Award is given in recognition of Samantha's accomplishments as an attorney, as well as her dedication to the legal profession, public service and her

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civic and philanthropic involvement. I have had the pleasure of working with Samantha at the county level for several years, and recently attended a fundraiser that she put on for Adelaides Place, which appeared to be a huge success. In receiving the Rimm Award, Samantha joins an exemplary group of lawyers (present company excluded). Samantha will receive her Award at the October Bar Association dinner at Angelo's Fairmount Tavern on October 19, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. I would encourage everyone to attend what should be a great night.

For those of you who attended the State of Judiciary meeting at Mac's last month, thank you. We had close to 150 people attending, had an opportunity to meet the new law clerks and heard from Judge Armstrong on the State of the Judiciary in Atlantic County. By all accounts, Atlantic County continues to be a great place to practice law. I sit on

the Board of Trustees of the State Bar Association and can tell you that I hear horror stories from other counties which we just don't have here. Credit goes to all of the judges and their staff, Howard Berchtold, the Trial Court Administrator, all of the division managers and their staff, as well as the members of this Association.

Finally, we look forward to having Mark Sandson, Esquire join the ranks of the Atlantic County Judiciary. Without question, Mark's appointment is welcomed so that the rest of us can now get some casino work. In all seriousness, Mark will be fine a judge and an asset to an already fine bench.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the Golf Tournament on Friday and then the Rimm dinner the following Thursday.

The 2006 Rimm Award Winner: Samantha S. Wolf, Esquire

Samantha S. Wolf, Esquire is a Hofstra University graduate and received her law degree from Widner University. She is presently a partner in the firm of Rosenberger & Wolf in Linwood. Her law practice is concentrated in matters of family law, real estate, civil litigation and municipal court. Ms. Wolf currently serves as a Matrimonial Early Settlement Panelist and as a Special Civil Part Mediator. She is a Trustee of the Atlantic County Bar Association and presently serves as the President for the Atlantic County Municipal Court Prosecutor's Association. She is also a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court District I Ethics Committee. Ms. Wolf is currently the municipal court prosecutor for the city of Port Republic. She is on the Advisory Board for Adelaide's Place, a day center for homeless women in Atlantic City and is the Fundraising/Event Planner Co-Chair in that organization. Samantha resides in Ventnor where she enjoys jogging on the boardwalk and spending time on the beach.

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The Officers and Trustees of
the Atlantic County Bar Association
cordially invite you to attend

The Annual Benjamin A. Rimm Award Dinner

Honoring 2006 award recipient
Samantha S. Wolf, Esquire

October 19, 2006

At Angelo's Fairmount Tavern
2300 Fairmount Avenue
Atlantic City, New Jersey

6:00 P.M. cocktails
7:00 P.M. dinner and presentation

\$ 40.00 members
\$ 20.00 Judicial Law Clerks

Please send checks and choice of
Veal Parmesan
Eggplant Rollatini
Chicken Florentine or
Broiled Flounder

*To: The Atlantic County Bar Association, 1201 Bacharach Blvd.,
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
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The Honorable Benjamin A. Rimm Award

**Presented by the
Atlantic County Bar Association
To the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year**

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| 1985 Joseph Sayegh | 1996 George Godfrey |
| 1986 Joseph Kane | 1997 Christopher Brown |
| 1987 Evelyn Caterson | 1998 Christopher Baylinson |
| 1988 Michael Donio | 1999 Michele Verno |
| 1989 Mark Pfeffer | 2000 Kim Bloomer |
| 1990 Douglas Stanger | 2001 Donna Michael-Ziereis |
| 1991 Paul Gallagher | 2002 Eileen Oakes Musket |
| 1992 Susan Fowler | 2003 Damon Tyner |
| 1993 Jill Ojserkis | 2004 Richard Mairone |
| 1994 Liane Levenson | 2005 Richard King |
| 1995 Ellen Loughney | 2006 Samantha Wolf |

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A two-day training session on handling domestic violence cases will be offered by Legal Services of New Jersey next month, covering such issues as immigration, domestic partnership, custody and visitation. Speakers include family law judges and LSNJ staff attorneys. The training is Oct. 17 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the LSNJ offices in Edison and the registration deadline is Oct. 6. The \$35 fee per day will be waived for lawyers who accept at least one *pro bono* domestic violence referral. For details, contact Lillian Melendez at (732) 572-9100.

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NOTICE TO THE BAR REFERENCE ADOPTIONS

Pursuant to Directive 17-06 from the Administrative Director of the Courts effective October 15, 2006, please be advised that:

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To: all non-golfers

“Why should they have all the fun?”

Please join us for a barbeque happy hour,
after the golfers have played

October 13, 2006 – 6 p.m.

Price per person: \$ 25.00

Send check, made payable to the
Atlantic County Bar Association,
to reserve your spot.

