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## ★ MONTHLY CLE MEETING ★

### “Condominium Conversions

### A Landlord’s and Tenant’s Perspective”

**Speaker - Stuart M. Saft (see page 2)**

**Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.**

**The Columbus Club – 8 East 69th Street, NY, NY**

Attendees receive 2 CLE Credits - **RSVP 212-502-0114**

Members/Friends\*: Dinner & Credits: \$75.00;

Dinner Only: \$60.00; Credits Only: \$25.00;

Non-Members: Dinner & Credits: \$100.00;

Dinner Only: \$65.00; Credits Only: \$35.00.

Please, Turn Off All Cell Phones & Beepers During the Program.

\* If your dues are not current, you will be charged the Non-Member rate for attendance at the CLE Dinner Programs.

★ **Don’t Miss This Outstanding CLE Program!** ★

## ★ JUDGES’ NIGHT ★

### TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

Our Annual Judges’ Night celebration held on Wednesday, September 13, 2006, honored our Italian-American Judiciary at a superb cocktail reception held at the Columbus Club. Over 130 Judges, attorneys and friends, ate, drank and mingled late into the evening. Our sincere gratitude to Steven Savva, Esq. for all of the time and effort that he put into making this event so successful.

## ★ COME MARCH WITH US IN THE ★ COLUMBUS DAY PARADE!!

Bring your spouse, children, family and friends and join us in our annual march up Fifth Avenue to show our Italian pride and heritage in the Columbus Day Parade on October 9, 2006. We will meet under the clock at 44th Street and Fifth Avenue at 11:15 a.m. and our march will culminate with a terrific lunch at Per Lei Restaurant, located at 1347 Second Avenue (corner of 71st St. & 2nd Ave., tel. (212) 439-9200) with members of the Columbian Lawyers Association, family and friends.

★★★ **MONTHLY MEETINGS, CLE & SPECIAL PROGRAMS** ★★★  
**OCTOBER 9th – March with us in the Columbus Day Parade**  
**NOVEMBER 1st – CLE: “Great Lawyers in Their Own Words: The Art of Opening & Closing Statements” (additional information on page 2)**  
**DECEMBER 14th – Annual Christmas Party/Presidents’ Night**  
**JANUARY 10th - CLE: Judge Michael Corriero’s “Juvenile Justice”**

The Columbian Lawyers Association has been certified by the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board as an accredited Provider of Continuing Legal Education in the State of New York, for the period April 9, 2004 through April 8, 2007. Any participant in a CLE Program sponsored by the Columbian Lawyers Association, First Judicial Department, who has an authentic financial hardship may request, in writing, accompanied by proper documentation and a sworn statement under oath, a Hardship Tuition Reduction of 20%. All CLE Programs are nontransitional unless otherwise indicated.

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Once again Judges' Night was a tremendous success!

The Columbus Citizens' Foundation was the backdrop for the evening that brought approximately fifty Judges and one hundred members. The staff of the Columbus Club did an excellent job of providing superior service to all of our guests and a fun filled evening was had by all.

Thank you to Steve Savva who has done an outstanding job in hosting this event for many years. This year he had the added stress of his impending nuptials to his fiancé, Daphney Pabst, and he was still able to rise to the occasion.

Another Columbian Lawyers' tradition to which I am looking forward is our annual march up 5th Avenue to lead the Columbus Day Parade. I strongly urge all of you to participate and bring your family and friends to this consistently fun afternoon.

On a sad note, we have recently lost two of our longtime members and supporters-our spiritual director Monsignor George Cascelli and 1978 Rapallo Award recipient Judge Edward Re. They will be sorely missed by our entire association.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon and I thank you for your support.

**Arthur L. Aidala,  
President (212) 486-0011**

## **STUART M. SAFT**

Stuart M. Saft is a partner and chairman of the Real Estate Department at the law firm of Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz, LLP and has been chairman of the Council of New York Cooperatives and Condominiums since 1989. Stuart is the author of twenty-three books on real estate, is a contributing editor of The Real Estate Finance Journal, has written over three dozen articles on real estate subjects, and co-chaired the Practicing Law Institute's Program on Developing Senior Housing. He was also selected as a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and "Who's Who in America."

## **SAVE THE DATE - NOVEMBER 1, 2006**

Join Manhattan homicide prosecutor, Joel J. Seidemann, author of "In the Interest of Justice: Great Opening and Closing Arguments of the Past 100 Years", as he moderates a discussion about opening and closing arguments with Fordham University Law Professor Thane Rosenbaum and renowned criminal defense attorneys Jay Golderg, Benjamin Brafman and Ron Kuby.

## **DUES, DUES, DUES**

Last month notices went out to those who have yet to pay their 2006 dues. If you have already sent in the dues, please disregard the notice and I thank you. If you do fall into that category, please take the time to mail your check now. An updated list will be kept at the door of our CLE meetings and you will be requested to update your dues at that time.

# **REV. MONSIGNOR GEORGE CASCELLI**

**November 16, 1928 - September 6, 2006**

## **A Remembrance**

Monsignor George Cascelli, the Spiritual Director of the Columbian Lawyers Association for the past twelve years, succumbed to cancer on September 6, 2006 at the age of 77.

Monsignor Cascelli was a native of the Bronx and attended Cardinal Hayes High School. After graduation, he moved to Manhattan and attended Cathedral Seminary, and after his ordination, he was assigned to a parish in Staten Island. Several years thereafter, he was assigned to a parish in Manhattan and also given an assignment as a Counselor at Cathedral High School. At the time I met him in 1994, he was assistant pastor of St. John Nepomucene Parish on East 65th Street in Manhattan, he was still working as a counselor at Cathedral High, and he was serving at the post he most enjoyed, as Director of the Italian Apostolate. He also taught theology at St. Joseph's seminary in Yonkers and at the Catholic Center in Douglaston, Queens, where he celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his ordination a year ago.

It was in 1994 that I asked the Monsignor to accept the position as Spiritual Director for our Association. Thereafter, Monsignor attended nearly every single Columbian Lawyers monthly meeting, Rapallo Award, Christmas Party or other special event for the next twelve years.

His final parish assignment, at Epiphany Church on East 22nd Street in Manhattan, ended when he retired two years ago. After being diagnosed with lymphoma earlier this year, Monsignor moved to Consolation Residence in Riverdale. When I last spoke to him in August, he assured me that he was much improved and that he was looking forward to seeing all of us at Judges' Night.

Monsignor Cascelli's funeral mass was concelebrated by thirty priests, two bishops, and a cardinal on the bright, sunny Saturday before our Judge's Night dinner. He was buried in St. Peter's Cemetery in Staten Island.

Monsignor Cascelli loved Manhattan, loved good conversation, good food, good wine, and, unfortunately, he also loved cigarettes. When I would berate him over his smoking, he would give me a big smile and tell me to shut up and mind my own business. When we would discuss the two subjects on which we completely disagreed, politics or religion, he would tell me that I was impossible and incorrigible, and his salty language reflected his exasperation with me. Then he would assure me that he was praying for me every day because I sorely needed prayer.

Monsignor was a man of infinite patience, kindness and intelligence. In his interactions with people, he was neither pompous nor overbearing; he was just a regular guy. As evidenced by the eulogies at his funeral, he touched many people's lives. He was much loved and we were fortunate to have spent so much time with him.

Rest in peace, Monsignor.

Ron Zezima  
Past President

# **HON. EDWARD D. RE**

## **1978 Rapallo Award Recipient**

**Chief Judge Emeritus, United States Court of International Trade  
Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus, St. John's University School of Law**

Chief Judge Edward D. Re served as the first Chief Judge of the United States Court of International Trade. After twenty-three years of judicial service he retired, was named Chief Judge Emeritus of the Court, and returned to St. John's University School of Law as Distinguished Professor of Law.

Born in Italy on the Aeolian Island of Salina, Judge Re came to the United States at the age of seven, and attended Public School 176 and New Utrecht Hugh School in Brooklyn, New York.

In 1968 he was appointed a Judge of the United States Customs Court by President Johnson, and in 1977 was named Chief Judge by President Jimmy Carter. Chief Justice Warren Burger presided at the Investiture Ceremony, reported in 439 Federal Supplement. In 1980 he became the first Chief Judge of the United States Court of International Trade. As Chief Judge he served as a statutory member of the Judicial Conference of the United States, and in 1990 was appointed by Chief Justice Rehnquist to its Executive Committee. In 1990 he was appointed to the Conference Committee on Long Range Planning. Pursuant to fifty-two separate designations by Chief Justices Burger and Rehnquist, Judge Re served on eight United States Circuit Courts of Appeals and four United States District Courts throughout the United States.

A summa cum laude graduate of St. John's Law School, after military service in World War II, in 1947 Judge Re was appointed to the faculty of St. John's Law School. In 1950 he received his Doctor of Juridical Science degree from New York University School of Law. In 1997 he was awarded the Matheson Medal for fifty years of service on the St. John's Law School faculty. He retired from full time teaching at St. John's in June 2002, and on August 31, 2004 was awarded the title Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus. The author of a dozen legal texts and casebooks, the recipient of over twenty honorary degrees, Judge Re is a Colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Department of the U.S. Air Force Reserve (Retired).

The recipient of many honors and awards, Judge Re in 1956 received the Distinguished Service Award of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce; in 1987 the St. Thomas More Award from the University of San Francisco and from St. John's University on January 24, 2003; in 1986 the Liberty Medal of the City of New York; in 1986 the Grand Cross of the "Order of Merit" of the Republic of Italy; and on May 12, 2001, Judge Re was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Judge Re has served as Consultant to the Delegation of the Holy See at the 1961 United Nations Conference on Narcotic Drugs, and in 1992 and 2003 as Consultant at the United Nations Conference on International Trade Law. He is a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Since retirement from full time teaching, he had been appointed by the White House as a member of Extraordinary Challenge Committees under NAFTA, and Chair of the Extraordinary Challenge Committee of the case involving the importation of softwood lumber from Canada.

Judge Re was married to Margaret A. Corcoran, a graduate of Manhattanville College, St. John's University School of Law, and a member of the New York and U.S. Supreme Court Bar. Judge Re is survived by twelve children.

# JUDGES' NIGHT



Judge Mastro, Judge Tomei, Louis Aidala and Judge Vitaliano



Arthur L. Aidala, U.S. Marshall Joseph Guccione, Judge Bianco and Louis Aidala



Judge Pesce and Vincent Cuttita



Arthur L. Aidala, Judge Bianco, Judge Jacobs and Judge Vitaliano



Resident pianist Matthew Grieco



Presiding Justice Gail Prudenti, Vincent Cuttita and Presiding Justice John Buckley

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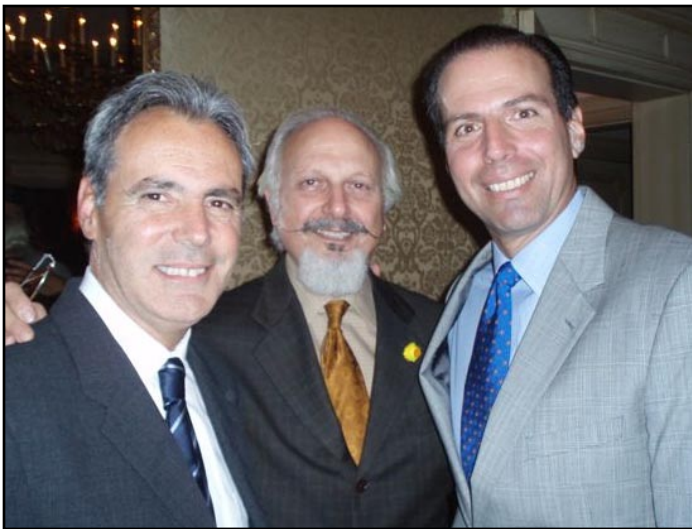
Columbian Lawyers enjoying the festivities with Judge Kapnick, Judge Mastro and Judge Pesce



Steven Savva and his fiancé, Daphney Pabst



Presiding Justice Gail Prudenti and Arthur L. Aidala



Judge Corriero, Louis Aidala and Michael Berardino



Presiding Judge Francis Nicolai and Judge Giamboi



Judge Ferrara, Judge DiMango, Judge D'Emic and Judge Aliotta



Judge Nardelli and John Esposito