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★ MONTHLY CLE MEETING ★

“Elder Law”

Speaker – Michael Conners, Esq. of Conners and Sullivan, P.C.

Wednesday, February 6th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Attendees receive 2 CLE Credits - RSVP (718) 238-9898

Members/Friends*: Dinner & Credits: \$100.00

Dinner Only: \$100.00

Non-Members: Dinner & Credits: \$150.00

Dinner Only: \$100.00; Credits Only: \$75.00

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! ★

★ DON'T WAIT TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT ★

On February 6th, 2008 Michael Conners, Esq., will be presenting a CLE lecture on Elder Law. We look forward to this event and expect a large turnout for this meeting, so please make your reservations as soon as possible to guarantee your seat for this occasion.

★ ANNUAL RAPALLO LUNCHEON ★

April is fast approaching and I would urge all of you to save the date of April 19, 2008 on your respective calendars. This event held at the famous Waldorf Astoria Hotel Ballroom is an annual tradition of the Columbian Lawyers 1st Dept. and one that is always well attended. We are especially proud to announce this year's honoree, Janet DiFiore, the well respected and esteemed Westchester County District Attorney. Look for your invitation in the mail in the next few weeks.

SAVE THE DATES

★ MONTHLY MEETINGS, CLE & SPECIAL PROGRAMS ★

February 6th, 2008 - “Elder Law”

March 5th, 2008 – CLE

May 7th, 2008 – CLE

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 APRIL 19, 2008 - Rapallo Luncheon

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 JUNE 4, 2008 – Scholarship Fundraiser

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 (Recertification application pending). 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

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve this Bar Association as its 44th President and am looking forward to working with all of you in the coming year. I especially want to thank our Chairman, Officers and Board Members for their continued support and commitment to our Association. They have displayed nothing less than genuine enthusiasm and a real willingness to work with me in ensuring that the function and purpose of this Bar Association is carried out. I appreciate their work and efforts and I grateful as well to all of our members and friends for their continued support.

Our annual Christmas Dinner combined with the farewell to Arthur Aidala and our Inauguration Ceremonies held at the New York Athletic Club on December 15, 2007 was, for me and I'm sure for everyone in attendance, a very special evening. The induction ceremonies were so graciously conducted by none other than Westchester County District Attorney Janet DiFiore, who is our 2008 Rapallo Award Recipient. Everyone had a great time and our thanks to Arthur and his staff for organizing this successful function and arranging the entertainment which kept many of us, including myself and husband George, dancing well into the evening!

I know that the coming year will be an exciting and successful one and I encourage all of you to continue the support you have given to us which is essential to meet all of our goals and continue the fine professional and charitable work we have accomplished and will continue to accomplish throughout the coming year.

I look forward to seeing all of you on February 6th, and until then, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Lorraine C. Corsa

New Members

Special and warm welcome goes out to the following new members:

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Linda J. DeCorato, Esq.
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Condolences:

Our sympathy goes out to past Treasurer, Katherine Kinkella, whose mother passed away unexpectedly on Christmas Eve. Many of you attended the wake held in Bronxville to give Katherine and her family support and comfort in their time of loss.

Notices:

New CLE Pricing effective as of 02/01/08: Please note the new pricing for the CLE Lectures indicated on the first page of this newsletter.

Request for Updated Membership Information: In an effort to ensure that all members receive notice of CLE and other scheduled events it is extremely important that you advise us of any **change of address**, tel. #'s and that all information on our website, www.columbianlawyers.com including **email addresses** are accurate.



Hon. Michael Corriero, Hon. Victoria Graffeo, and Hon. Eugene Nardelli at the November 7th, 2007, CLE.



Arthur Aidala and Hon. Victoria Graffeo, at the November 7th, 2007, CLE.