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MONTHLY CLE MEETING



“LAWYERS IN THE MEDIA and the Ethical Implications”

Speakers – Ronald L. Kuby, Esq. host of WABC’s Morning Radio Program “Curtis & Kuby” and Brooklyn District Attorney Charles “Joe” Hynes, Author of the novel “Triple Homicide”

Wednesday, March 5th, 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: \$50.00

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* 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 March 5th, 2008 Ronald Kuby, Esq. and Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes will be presenting a CLE lecture on Lawyers in the Media. We look forward to this CLE program 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 *

Once again we remind our members, friends, family and colleagues of the upcoming Rapallo Award Luncheon honoring Westchester County District Attorney Janet DiFiore. State Attorney General, Andrew J. Cuomo will be presenting the award. This annual event - one of the most prestigious and well attended - is being held on Saturday, April 19, 2008, @ 12:00 Noon at the Waldorf Astoria Grand Ballroom. Invitations have been mailed out and payment for this event must be made on or before April 12, 2008 to reserve your seating/table arrangements as well as inclusion in the Luncheon Program.

SAVE THE DATES

★★★ MONTHLY MEETINGS, CLE & SPECIAL PROGRAMS ★★★

March 5th, 2008 – Lawyers in the Media

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 happy to report that the work of our Rapallo Luncheon Chairman, Joseph Albanese, and committee members is moving along well. A tremendous amount of time and effort goes into planning and coordinating this annual event from beginning to end. I urge all of you to assist us by reserving your seating and table arrangements within the deadline date of April 12, 2008.

Our Columbian Lawyers Association takes great pride in celebrating and honoring the life of Judge Charles A. Rapallo whose legacy lives on through the works and deeds of the recipients who we honor in his name. Who was this man behind the award we present each year and who continues to influence the way we feel about ourselves and our profession?

Most notably perhaps is the fact that Judge Rapallo served this State with distinction as one of the first seven judges to serve on the Court of Appeals and was the first Italian American jurist to do so.

He was born in New York City in 1823, never went to school or college but was educated entirely by father, Antonio Rapallo, (b. Rapallo, Italy 1785) a lawyer and renowned scholar and linguist. At 14 he entered his father's law practice, studied under him and was admitted to the bar at age 21. He was married and the father of six children one of whom became an attorney.

By all accounts, Judge Rapallo was considered one of the best informed as well as one of the most learned men in the legal profession. In private life he was described by those who knew him as warm-hearted and sociable, a member of several clubs and extremely popular in all of them, as he was with all who were acquainted with him. Elected to a first term on the Court of Appeals in 1870 and again in 1884, after which it was noted that to his credit belongs the distinction of having received more popular votes than any one ever elected to office in the United States. He served until his death in New York City on December 28, 1887.

His competence and dedication as a jurist was evident throughout his career and his work lives on through his written decisions which amazingly enough can be viewed via a simple search through your internet legal provider. Using the words "Rapallo" and "Court of Appeals" you will be led to a slew of cases in which you can observe for yourself his keen legal reasoning presented in well-written opinions.

Sincerely yours,

Lorraine C. Corsa