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★ NOTICE ★

“Global Governance and the U.N. – Italy’s Views on the Importance of the Rule of Law in the Reform of the Security Council” Presented by Ambassador Giulio Terzi di Sant’Agata Permanent Representative of Italy to the U.N.

Wednesday, May 6th, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.*

No CLE Credits for this Lecture - RSVP (718) 409-3431

Members/Friends*: Dinner & Lecture: \$100.00/Lecture only \$75.00

Non-Members: Dinner & Lecture: \$100.00

Lecture Only: \$80.00

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/Lectures

★ **Don't Miss This Informative Lecture!** ★

* RSVP IS REQUIRED For this Outstanding Lecture *

Born in Bergamo, Ambassador Terzi graduated in International Law from the University of Milan and joined the Italian Foreign Ministry in 1973. Before taking up his duties at the world body, Ambassador Terzi held many positions, including Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry in Rome, Director General for Multilateral Political Affairs and Human Rights; served as the Ministry's Protocol Officer; was appointed Head of Chancery and First Secretary for political affairs at the Embassy of Italy in Paris; served at the Economic Directorate and was assigned to NATO as political Adviser to the Italian Mission in the aftermath of the Cold War. He began his work at the Mission of Italy to the U.N., in New York in 1993, and served in many positions prior to his appointment as Italy's Permanent Representative to the U.N. Please join us in welcoming Ambassador Terzi for this most important and informative lecture!

SAVE THE DATES

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

All of the events below to be held at the Columbus Citizen's Club, except as otherwise noted:

Wed. June 3rd, 2009 - Scholarship Fundraiser

Wed. September 16th, 2009 – Annual Judge's Night

Wed. October 7th, 2009 – CLE – Joseph A. Sena, Jr., Esq., Immigration Law

Wed. November 4th, 2009 – CLE – Robert J. Aiello, Esq., Criminal Law

Sat. December 12th, 2009 – Annual Christmas Party and Installation Dinner, to be held at the New York Athletic Club, 180 Central Park S., New York City

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.

The President's Message

I thank all of you who attended this year's annual Rapallo Awards Luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria which was a great success. We could not have asked for finer recipients than the Hon. Paul Victor and Hon. George Salerno, whose respective awards were presented by the Hon. Jonathan Lippman, Administrative Judge Court of Appeals. I especially want to again thank our Rapallo Committee Chairman, Arthur Aidala and Co-Chairs, Tom Laquercia and Steven Savva for their outstanding work. Photos of this event will be posted on our website www.columbianlawyers.com after May 1st, 2009, so I welcome you to visit our website.

As previously advised in our last Newsletter, we have many special events coming your way, beginning with the May 6th, 2009, general meeting where we will be presented with a lecture on International Law and Affairs by Ambassador Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata, Italy's Permanent Representative to the U.N. I know you will not want to miss this very important lecture and I urge everyone planning on attending to RSVP.

Next, is our Annual Scholarship Fundraiser on June 3rd. All of those wishing to attend and contribute to this event are urged to contact either myself or Maryanne Bertuna, Fundraiser Chair. All contributions to this most important event will be greatly appreciated and we thank all of our members and friends for their continued support. We also want to acknowledge Frank Mangiatordi and thank him for his continued work and efforts on our behalf as Fund Chairman.

I want to thank our membership committee for their relentless work in the task of putting together and organizing our updated website. Special thanks to Chairman Mike Mercante, Maria Guccione and George Diakakis for contributing many hours of their time to this project.

We have some great upcoming CLE's and thank Sterling National Bank for their support of the upcoming May 6th Lecture. Don't forget that our Annual Judge's Night will be held on September 16th, 2009 and the Annual X-mas Party/Installation Dinner on December 12th, 2009, so be sure to mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support of this great bar association.

Sincerely yours,

Lorraine C. Corsa, President

Events and Notices:

Member Matthew Grieco together with Christos Badavas will be performing piano/bass duets, including works of their own creation at the New York City Bar Association, 42 West 44th Street on Friday May 1st, 6:00 pm -7:30 pm. Admission is free. Many of you are quite familiar with Matthew's performance on piano by his serenading us at our general meetings at the Columbus Club. I hope you can attend this event and show your support of Matthew and his work.



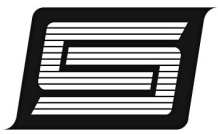
Past President Richard Biaggi has informed us that on March 11th, both he and Past president Hon. Anthony J. Fiorella addressed a group of 50 law students from the University of Pisa at the Consulate office of Italy, 690 Park Avenue, on our legal education and the practice of law in the U.S. Richard advises during their travels in the U.S. the students made a trip to New Haven and had visited with past Rapallo Recipient Guido Calabresi at Yale; traveled to Boston and Washington D.C. The panel was also comprised of Paolo Strino, President of A.L.M.A., an organization of lawyers practicing in the U.S., Maurizio Antonini, Vice Consul of Italy, Commercial Attache, Reno Gradassi and immigration attorney, Annalisa Luizzo. The forum took place over several hours with panelists fielding interesting questions from these energetic students and was followed by cocktail party. Judge Fiorella, current President of the Confederation of Columbian Lawyers and Richard, left a lasting impression of the Columbian Lawyers with these students.



Member Michael Asta, Esq., has announced that he is seeking to hire an associate with some experience handling personal injury cases. Contact Mike at 212.244.6555 if you or anyone is interested in this position.



We welcome contributions to this Newsletter and I encourage all of you to do so!



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