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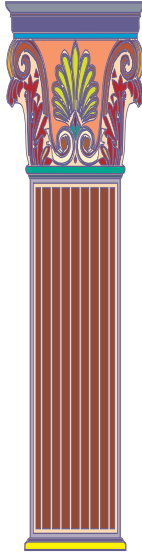
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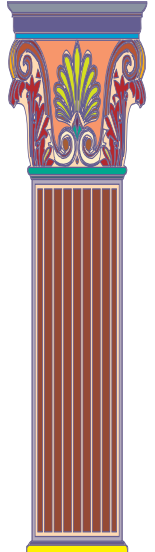
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★ **45th ANNUAL RAPALLO AWARD LUNCHEON** ★



Please join us in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria on Saturday, April 24th, 2010, for the 45th Annual Rapallo Award Luncheon, where we will honor Justice Philip Minardo, Administrative Judge of Richmond County. We are pleased to announce that the award will be presented by the Honorable William F. Mastro, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department.



If you haven't already purchased your tickets, please see the attached invitation.

★ **MAY 5 CLE MEETING** ★

CLE: "Legal Ethics and Elder Lawyering: Avoiding the Pitfalls of Problem Probates and Prosecutions"

Presented by ADA Joel Seidemann, Professor Thane Rosenbaum, Probate Expert Alex Forger, and Legal Commentator and Writer Tom Baer.

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

The Columbus Citizens Foundation

8 East 69th Street, NY, NY

Attendees receive 2 CLE Credits (one in Ethics) RSVP (212) 661-1661, ext. 106 or to josephdematteo@hotmail.com.

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★ **Don't Miss This Cutting Edge CLE Program!** ★

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Our May CLE program brings together a panel of experts in a variety of fields that rarely intersect. However, as this panel will demonstrate, when legal ethics, probate practice and criminal law all end up in the same courtroom, the variety and complexity of the legal issues that arise is spellbinding. Please join us for what we expect to be a spirited presentation that will offer invaluable practice pointers to everyone.

About our panel:

ADA Joel Seidemann: Joel has been a trial attorney with the Manhattan District Attorney's Office for the past 25 years. He has tried some of that offices most important

and challenging cases, including the so called “Astor Trial”, in which Anthony Marshall and probate attorney Francis Morrissey, were convicted of looting the estate of the late Brooke Astor. Joel is also the author of two books, titled, In the Interest of Justice, Great Opening and Closing Arguments of the Past 100 Years, and Guilty by Reason of Stupidity.

Professor Thane Rosenbaum: Professor Rosenbaum teaches Legal Ethics and other courses at the Fordham University School of Law, where he is the John Whelan Distinguished Lecturer in Law and Director of the Forum on Law, Culture and Society. He has published a number of law related books and novels, including, “The Myth of Moral Justice: Why Our Legal System Fails to Do What’s Right”, and “Law Lit: From Atticus Finch to the Practice”.

Alexander D. Forger, Esq.: Before retiring from the practice of law in 2008, Mr. Forger was an associate and then a partner at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCoy for over 50 years. He is a renowned expert in the area of trusts and estates, and was called as an expert by the prosecution during the Astor trial. Among his many notable appointments, were temporary administrator of the Estate of Doris Duke and Co-Executor of the Estate of Jacqueline K. Onassis.

Tom Baer, Esq.: After working as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, Mr. Baer founded Baer & McGoldrick, which eventually became Schulte Roth & Zabel. He is a frequent legal and political commentator. He is also an owner of Steinhardt Baer Pictures Company, which has produced many notable television and motion picture productions.

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President’s Message

As Spring approaches, we find ourselves preparing for this year’s Rapallo Award Luncheon, where we will once again honor an Italian American jurist who exemplifies the achievements and contributions of Italian Americans to the legal profession. I encourage all of you to attend this celebration of our accomplishments, which serves to reinforce the prominence of Italian Americans in New York’s legal community. I would also like to extend special thanks to our member Sylvia DiPietro for presenting an excellent CLE program on the new Power of Attorney form at our March meeting, which was held in the Bronx and presented jointly with the Westchester County Columbian Lawyers. Sylvia proved herself to be a dynamic and entertaining speaker, as well as possessing a thorough knowledge of this new and complex area of the law.

Buona Pasqua a tutti!!

Sincerely yours,
Joseph R. DeMatteo

UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS:

Two exhibitions at the Morgan Library & Museum
225 Madison Avenue at 36th Street
Rome After Raphael
Now through May 9th
Artistic production in Rome from 1500 to 1600.

Palladio and His Legacy
April 2nd through August 1st
The first New York exhibition of 31 drawings by the architect Andrea Palladio (1508-1580), who significantly influenced American architecture, including the White House and Capitol.

Also at the Morgan
The film *Prince of Foxes* (1949)
April 9th at 7:00 PM
Based on the life of the Renaissance duke and adventurer, Cesare Borgia. Starring Orson Welles, Tyrone Power, and Wanda Hendrix.
Free with museum admission

Theater Performance of *Weekend with a Killer*
Romantic comedy by Nicola Saponaro
April 2nd-18th, Tues-Sat at 8:00 PM, Sat and Sun at 3:00 PM
Abingdon Theatre
312 West 36th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues
\$25 at www.SmartTix.com or 212-868-4444

Concert by the Grand Tour Orchestra
Italian Academy for Advanced Studies
Columbia University
1161 Amsterdam Avenue between 116th and 118th Streets
April 7th at 8:00 PM
Lamentations for Holy Wednesday (1750) by Niccolo Jommelli
Free admission
Make reservations at rw2115@columbia.edu

Film *Lezione Ventuno (Lesson 21)*
Alessandro Baricco's movie about Beethoven's Ninth Symphony
Czech Center New York Bohemian National Hall
321 East 73rd Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues
April 14th at 6:30 PM
Free admission

Conference
Terre Promesse: Excursions Towards Italian Topographies
Calandra Italian American Institute
25 West 43rd Street between 5th and 6th Avenues, 17th Floor
April 22nd-24th
For detailed information about the lectures, schedule, and presenters visit www.qc.edu/calandra or call 212-642-2094.
All of the presentations are free

Cultural Corner

By Matthew Grieco

With Spring in the air, April is a month of planting and discovery. Two of the most important “beginning” dates in history occurred in April.

On April 17, 1524, the Florentine Giovanni da Verrazzano discovered New York Bay, thereby preceding Henry Hudson by almost a century. Sailing the Dauphine for Francis I of France (son of the Italian Louise of Savoy and father-in-law of Catherine de Medici), Verrazzano explored the North American Atlantic seaboard from Florida to Newfoundland. Verrazzano’s official report to the King described New York Bay as “a very agreeable site.” Native Americans, “clothed with feathers of birds of various colors,” approached in thirty canoes and greeted him “joyfully, uttering very great exclamations of admiration, showing [him] where [he] could land with the boat more safely.” Verrazzano subsequently departed New York “with much regret, because of its convenience and beauty, [and] thinking it was not without some properties of value.”

April 21, 753 BC is the traditional founding date of the City of Rome by the twins Romulus and Remus. Few at the time took notice of their small collection of thatched huts, let alone could have predicted that from such a humble seedling would grow the greatest and most enduring realm the world has seen. First ruled by kings, Rome evolved into a Republic by 509 BC, and was transformed into the Principate or Empire in 27 BC. At its greatest extent, the Roman Empire encompassed all or a portion of 49 modern-day countries.

Although 476 AD is the schoolbook date marking the fall of Rome, with the deposition of the last Emperor, Romulus Augustulus (ironically named after Rome’s first King and first Emperor), the eastern portion of the Empire endured until 1453, as what we term the Byzantine Empire; in fact, the “Byzantines” referred to themselves as Romoi (Romans), and that is why the Ottoman rulers, who conquered Constantinople and reigned until 1922, listed among their honorifics, Emperor of Rome.

In 800 AD Charlemagne was crowned Emperor of the Romans by Pope Leo III; the Holy Roman Empire was formally proclaimed in 962, and continued until its dissolution in 1806 by Napoleon, who himself had taken the Roman appellation Consul before asking the Pope to crown him Emperor. The titles Kaiser and Czar are the German and Russian translations for Caesar, and Russia even claimed to be the Third Rome (the Second being Constantinople).

Under the Popes, Rome’s moral and spiritual sway has never ceased, and has even expanded. Rome’s influence also persists in the fields of law, government, language, literature, art, architecture, and many others. Truly, Rome is the Eternal City.