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★ JANUARY 5, 2011 CLE ★

“CPLR UPDATE”

Presented by: Burton N. Lipshie, Esq.

Wednesday, January 5 at 6:00 p.m.

**The Columbus Citizens Foundation – 8 East 69th Street,
NY, NY**

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

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

Non-Members: \$150.00

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

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

PLEASE RSVP

We are honored to welcome back Burton N. Lipshie to deliver his ever popular seminar on the CPLR. Burt is a renowned educator and practitioner who is widely regarded as an expert on New York Civil Procedure. Since 1993, Burt has presented his CPLR Update to Supreme Court Judge's statewide, at the Office of Court Administration's Judicial Institute. Since 1995, he has also performed this service for Law Clerks and Court Attorneys statewide. Each year he presents his CPLR program at the Practicing Law Institute.

A 1967 cum laude graduate of Columbia Law School, Burt began his legal career as an ADA in Manhattan, and then went on to become a partner at Strook Strook & Lavan, where he has been the manager of its Litigation Practice Group since 1977.

Burt's is also an acclaimed adjunct professor of Legal Writing at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. In 1999, after nine successive graduating classes awarded him the "The Outstanding Adjunct Professor Award", the award was renamed "The Burton N. Lipshie Outstanding Adjunct Professor Award", which he was again awarded by several subsequent graduating classes. It's no wonder that Professor Lipshie is held in such high esteem, given his gift for bringing the course material to life with a lively and often provocative presentation.

For anyone who litigates in New York's Courts, this CLE is essential and the voluminous and well organized course materials are very useful.

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. 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 Message

As we close the books on 2010, and get ready for 2011, I would like to warmly thank all of our Officers, Directors, Friends and Members for making this a great year for the Columbian Lawyers' Association. For a relatively small bar association, I believe we delivered a big value to our members - from our congenial monthly CLE dinners to the prestigious Rapallo Award Luncheon, to our successful annual Scholarship Fundraiser, to the intimacy of our Judge's Night, to our fun filled Christmas Party and Installation Dinner. Through all of these events, we have preserved a welcoming place in the First Department for Columbian Lawyers and their friends. We have also stepped up what I hope to be a successful process of reaching out to Italian-American law students and young attorneys who find themselves challenged by the continued downturn in our economy. Our effort is to welcome new members into our fold and share our fortunes with them.

In the coming year, I look forward to seeing and hearing from each of you. I would particularly like to hear suggestions from our members on ways that our Association can better serve you. Whether you have a suggestion for a new CLE program, for a cultural event, or for a change to our Newsletter, we welcome your input.

In closing, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year!!

Sincerely yours,

Joseph R. DeMatteo

President

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matthew Grieco: We extend our congratulations to board member Matthew Grieco for being elevated to Chief Court Attorney of the Appellate Division, First Department.

Tom Laquercia: We extend our congratulations to board member Thomas Laquercia for being selected by the Alumni Board of St. Francis College, as the recipient of the 2011 Alum of the Year Award, which will be bestowed upon him at the college's Genovesi Center on May 6, 2011.

Michael Scotto: We also extend our congratulations to board member Michael Scotto for being elevated to Chief of the Rackets Bureau and Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division of the New York County District Attorney's Office.

CONDOLENCES:

We extend our condolences to our good friend Joanna Capobianco on the recent passing of her mother, Mary Capobianco.

We also extend our condolences to Carolyn Naranjo-Marcantonio, past President of the Nassau County Columbian Lawyers Association, and her husband Frank Marcantonio, on the recent passing of Carolyn's mother, Mary L. Spina.

UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS:

CLE Conference and Dinner

ALMA – Italian LLM Association

Chaired by Columbian Lawyers Board Member Paolo Strino

January 27th

2 Credit CLE Conference “Lawyers: Guardians of Anti-Money Laundering?”

Fordham University Lincoln Center Campus, Lowenstein Building

Enter at 130 West 60th Street

2:00 to 5:00 PM

Registration fee: \$25

Gala Dinner

Network with Italian attorneys, other professionals, and scholars

The Penn Club

30 West 44th Street

7:30 to 11:00 PM

Early registration: \$77; Regular registration: \$88

www.llm.it

Exhibit

Neapolitan Christmas Tree and Baroque Creche

Metropolitan Museum of Art, Medieval Sculpture Hall

1000 Fifth Avenue

Now through January 6th

www.metmuseum.org

Concert “There and Then: Love and Madness in the Italian Baroque”

Music of Scarlatti, Corelli, Marini, Castello, and Fontana

Bargemusic

Fulton Ferry Landing, Brooklyn

Beautiful music with the Manhattan skyline as a backdrop

January 2nd, 3:00 PM

www.bargemusic.com

CULTURAL CORNER

By Matthew Grieco

As is reflected in the name of our organization, Italians are great explorers. However, the curiosity, ingenuity, and daring possessed by Christopher Columbus and others were not limited to geographic explorers. The month of December marks a number of discoveries by scientific explorers.

On December 2, 1942, the Roman born Enrico Fermi (1901-1954) conducted the first controlled nuclear chain reaction, making possible not only the atomic bomb, which would help win World War II, but also sustainable nuclear energy. Fermi had already received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1938, the year he immigrated to the United States. He taught for several years at Columbia University, after which he moved to the University of Chicago, where he conducted his historic test in a converted basement squash court. A colleague opened a bottle of Chianti and relayed the successful results to others over the telephone with the message, “the Italian Navigator has just landed in the New World.” Incidentally, the telephone was invented by Antonio Meucci (1808-1889), who was born in Florence and immigrated to Staten Island. Alexander Graham Bell independently invented a telephone years later, but unlike Meucci, he was able to afford the patent application process. In 2002, the U.S. House of Representatives enacted a Resolution, officially recognizing Meucci’s invention.

On December 12, 1901, the Bolognese Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor of the radio, arranged the first transatlantic radio transmission, thereby disproving skeptics’ claims that the Earth’s curvature would render long-distance communications impossible. Marconi’s vision would pave the way for television and cellular phones.

Although a Dutchman was the first to build a telescope (in actuality a primitive “spyscope”), the Pisan Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) was the one who thought to build a powerful device to explore the heavens. Throughout the month of December 1609, he observed the moon, and found that, contrary to the then-accepted belief, that orb is not a perfectly smooth sphere, but rather possesses craters, mountains, and plains, like Earth.

One more breakthrough should be noted. On December 13, 1903, the Italian born, Hoboken immigrant, Italo Marcioni patented the ice cream cone – another form of sustainable energy!

DUES NOTICE

Please take this opportunity to pay your 2011 dues and to make a contribution to our scholarship fund, on the accompanying dues notice form. Thank you!