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## ★ OCTOBER 5, 2011 ETHICS CLE ★

### “ETHICS 2011: SCAMS, SCHEMES AND RULES TO KEEP CLEAN!”

PRESENTED BY: RICHARD GRAYSON, ESQ.

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Attendees receive 2 CLE Credits in Ethics.

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 Program.

★ Don't Miss This Informative CLE Program! ★

**\*PLEASE RSVP**

Please join us at our October meeting as we welcome back Richard Grayson for his provocative yet practical lecture on legal ethics. For nearly 30 years, Richard has been defending attorneys and judges in disciplinary investigations and prosecutions throughout New York State. He has been individually certified by the NYS CLE Board, and has delivered over 150 CLE ethics programs to attorneys and judges. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Professional Discipline and a member of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers.

As you may glean from the title of his program, Richard is a creative and humorous lecturer, who truly enjoys sharing his experience with his colleagues so that they may avoid needing his services! So please come out and get those much needed ethics credits while enjoying a glass of wine and some pasta with your friends.

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## **CELEBRATE COLUMBUS DAY WITH THE COLUMBIAN LAWYERS!**

Please join the Columbian Lawyers Association of the First Judicial Department and the Confederation of Columbian Lawyers Associations at this year's Columbus Days Parade. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our Italian American Heritage and preserve our special place in the history of our Nation and City by coming out in large numbers for a festive march up Fifth Avenue. It is also a great opportunity to get your kids involved in our heritage by bringing them out to march!

### **DETAILS:**

**Columbus Day Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral:** Each year we are offered a limited number of special seats for Columbus Day Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass begins at 9:00 AM. If you wish to attend the mass, please reserve your seat with Donna Marinacci by e-mailing her at [ddmarinacci@yahoo.com](mailto:ddmarinacci@yahoo.com)

**Assembly:** We assemble at 11:00 AM at the sidewalk clock on Fifth Avenue and 44th street. The March begins at around 12:00 AM.

**Luncheon:** Please join us after the March at 2:00 PM for lunch at Baraonda, located at 1439 2 Avenue (at 75 street). A price fix lunch has been arranged and is at \$30.00 pp, plus tax and gratuity, which will include a salad, entree, soft drinks, coffee and cookies. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Marianne Bertuna at [bertunaesq@aidalalaw.com](mailto:bertunaesq@aidalalaw.com) so that we can make arrangements with the restaurant.

### **Save the Date:**

#### **NOVEMBER 2, 2011: General Membership Meeting and Elder Law CLE**

Title: The Time to Plan is Now: How to Protect Clients and Family Members from the Costs of Long Term Care

Presenter: Anthony Enea, Esq.\*

Location: Columbus Club

\*Anthony is the Chair-Elect of the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, effective May 2012, for a term of one year. Anthony is the immediate-past president of the New York Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. He is a member of the Council of Advanced Practitioners of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and is on the Guardianship Advisory Committee of the Office of Court Administration for the State of New York. He is also the past president of the Westchester County Bar Association.

## President's Message

Gaining its impetus from Columbus Day, October marks Italian Heritage and Culture Month. The theme of this month's celebration is the 150th anniversary of the Unification of Italy. Throughout the metropolitan area there will be events both celebrating and examining the Unification of Italy, as well as the myriad achievements and experiences of Italians and Italian Americans. Under this month's "Upcoming Events of Interest", there is a link to the web site of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York. A perusal of the site, and its listing of events, is a true testament to the vast accomplishments of Italians and Italian Americans in the fields of art, literature, music, film and science, to name but a few. In this spirit, I encourage all of you to come out and march up Fifth Avenue on October 10th with your fellow Columbian Lawyers.

It was in this same spirit that our organization recently celebrated Judges' Night, which was, yet again, an extraordinary success. Over 50 Italian American jurists from the New York area were honored as our guests for the invaluable public service that they perform. For organizing this event, I offer special thanks to event Chair Steven Savva, and to Co-Chair Tom Laquercia, not to mention each member of the Committee.

I look forward to seeing you all in October!

Sincerely yours,  
*Joseph R. DeMatteo*  
President

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## UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST:

**ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH:** As noted above, October is Italian Heritage Month. This means that throughout the metropolitan area there are a multitude of events involving all things Italian and Italian American. An excellent source to learn about all of these events can be found on the web site of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York at [www.ItalyCultureMonth.org](http://www.ItalyCultureMonth.org). In fact, on the web site you will find a PDF event guide that is well over 100 pages and packed with useful information.

Italian Welfare League of New York  
Annual Autumn in New York Luncheon  
Metropolitan Club  
October 22, 2011  
For details go to [www.italianwelfareleague.org](http://www.italianwelfareleague.org)

National Organization of Italian American Women  
International Conference: Italian American Women in Tradition and Transition  
Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers  
September 30 - October 1, 2011  
For details contact Clarisa Caprio at 212-642-2003 or at [noiaw@noiaw.org](mailto:noiaw@noiaw.org)

## **Cultural Corner**

**By Matthew Grieco**

October brings us Columbus Day, a day for celebration not only for the Columbian Lawyers, but for all Americans, and all the world. For the world would not be what it is had it not been for Columbus. That statement always elicits two questions. Did any Europeans reach America before Columbus? Wouldn't someone else eventually have done so after 1492? The answers are simple, yet of profound importance. To the first question, perhaps, but if anyone did, they didn't stay. To the second, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas, all would have developed differently, in ways we could not possibly know, had Columbus not reached America at the precise time he did.

In last year's October newsletter, we discussed the explorations of Columbus and other Italians, including Marco Polo, Giovanni Caboto (John Cabot), Giovanni da Verrazzano, and Amerigo Vespucci. This year, let us consider the scene that Columbus knew before he left port.

Italy was divided into a number of states: the Kingdom of Naples, the Papal States, the Republics of Florence, Venice, Genoa, Siena, and San Marino, the Duchies of Milan, Savoy, and Ferrara, and the smaller states of Mantua, Lucca, Saluzzo, Asti, and Monteferrato.

Germany was fractured into an even greater number of political entities, although under the overall leadership of the Holy Roman Emperor. Denmark and Lithuania controlled enormous territories, while Muscovy was still relatively small. Spain reconquered the last of its territory from the occupying Moors the same year Columbus sailed. Most importantly, from the Mediterranean perspective, the Ottomans had only recently eradicated the Byzantine Empire and taken over large tracts of the Balkans. The relationship with the Ottomans was a complex one of trading partner and enemy.

The discovery of the New World upset the old political order. A more lasting effect, however, is that the thirst for discovery has remained with us. And whether the exploration has been astronomic or microcosmic, Italians such as Galileo with his telescope, or Malpighi with his microscope, have been at the forefront. Perhaps Columbus's greatest achievement, and greatest gift, was his contagious desire to dream and to dare to explore.

### **NOTICE**

Please take notice that pursuant to our Constitution and By Law, the Board of Directors sits as a Nominating Committee for the election of all Officers and open Director seats. However, candidates for any office may be nominated other than by the Nominating Committee, by petition in writing, signed by at least five (5) members in good standing. Said petition must be delivered to the Executive Secretary of the Association not later than ten (10) days following the general membership meeting in October.

Please deliver any such petitions to Executive Secretary Victoria Lombardi:

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