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★ **NOVEMBER 2, 2011 ELDER LAW CLE** ★

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

PRESENTED BY: Anthony Enea, Esq.
Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 6:15 p.m.

FIORINI RESTAURANT
209 East 56 th Street (btw. 2nd & 3rdAve), NY, NY

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

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★ Don't Miss This Informative CLE Program! ★

***PLEASE RSVP**

Please join us for this highly informative program on Elder Law by Anthony Enea, who is widely regarded as a foremost authority on estate planning for the elderly. 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. He is also 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.

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SAVE THE DATE:

December 14, 2011: Annual Christmas Party and Installation Dinner!!!

- When:** December 14, 2011, 6:30PM to 10:30PM
- Where:** The National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park South, New York, New York
- Details:** \$85.00 pp, includes one hour open bar with passed hors d'oeuvres, followed by three course sit down dinner in the "grand gallery", plus a load of fun!
- RSVP:** Use the attached reservation form.

President's Message

As we come closer to Thanksgiving, Christmas and yes, the New Year, I wanted to take this opportunity to give my own personal thanks to all of our Officers, Directors and members who contribute to this Newsletter and to the success of our many events. Most recently, we celebrated Columbus Day by amassing a fine group of Columbian Lawyers, law students and recent law grads, not to mention a healthy contingent of children, to march in the Parade, and then enjoy a great lunch together. The weather graced our mission, and by all accounts, this year's parade was a great success. Our luncheon at Baraonda was overflowing not just with our members, but with the sounds of people breaking bread, enjoying a glass of wine, and each other's company. It is my earnest hope that we can recapture this feeling at this year's Christmas Party and Installation dinner, which, you may note, is greatly reduced in price as compared to years past, and which is being held in the historic Tilden Mansion, which houses the National Arts Club. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely yours,
Joseph R. DeMatteo
President

Cultural Corner

By Matthew Grieco

In November we celebrate Thanksgiving, a day for giving thanks, but also a holiday particularly associated with eating. Perhaps, then, it should be a day for giving thanks for Italian cuisine, for Italians are the undisputed masters of food. In every survey, all over the world, Italian cuisine is consistently rated the most popular (Chinese usually comes in second; as for the French, let us just say, Catarina de Medici).

For most people, the first thought that comes to mind at the mention of Italian food is pasta or pizza. The appeal is easy to see. At their simplest, both can be quick and inexpensive to make, although complex recipes abound, as do ones utilizing rare delicacies. The basic ingredients of pasta and pizza meet the needs of everyone, vegetarian, kosher, those with allergies. Moreover, they can be adapted to meet any local or personal taste, with different sauces or toppings. Pasta also comes in countless shapes, sizes, and even colors.

Pizza dates back to ancient Rome, although the Greeks also claim to have been the originators. The pizza was a flat, baked bread, with olive oil and seasoning. A form of pasta also existed in that time period, although it was baked rather than boiled. The popular version is that what we know as pasta was brought back from China by Marco Polo in 1295. However, there is evidence that pasta was being made in Sicily as far back as 800 A.D.; certainly, though, Marco Polo re-popularized the dish. No matter their origins, it was the Italian genius that transformed the humble pizza and pasta into the versatile and favored foods they are today.

For us, traditional pasta and pizza both have a tomato sauce. Tomatoes, though, are indigenous to South America. Therefore, pizza and pasta should really be considered Italian-American. So, as we give thanks and eat on Thanksgiving, let us take pride in being both Italian and American, in the knowledge that our cuisine is the world's most beloved.

NOTICE FROM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY VICTORIA LOMBARDI

The Board of Directors hereby recommends that the following slate of Officers and Directors be elected to office at the November 2, 2012 general membership meeting:

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Given that the membership has not nominated or otherwise proposed other candidates, pursuant to Article 7, subd. (G) or our Constitution and By Laws, the presiding officer at the November meeting will cast one vote for the nominees, who will thereby be elected.