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★ MAY 2 GENERAL MEETING ★

“CLAIMS CHRONICLES”

COLUMBUS CITIZENS' FOUNDATION
8 East 69th Street (btw. Madison & Fifth Ave), NY, NY

Cocktails 6:00 pm

Attendees receive 2 CLE Credits

Dinner & Credits: \$100.00 for Dues Paying Members

*PLEASE RSVP to Andrew@MaggioLaw.com

GUEST SPEAKER'S CURRICULUM VITAE

THERESA A. GARELLI joined Horizon Land Service, LLC in October 2011 as a sales account executive responsible for title insurance business development in New York, Nationally and Internationally. She is experienced in major commercial and residential transactions. Currently an Adjunct Professor for New York Law School, she teaches lawyers and law students a Title Insurance course for the Real Estate LLM program and is Executive Vice President & General Counsel for TDR Equities, Inc., a holding company for multiple commercial ventures and a consulting firm for global real estate transactional services, including title insurance, due diligence, and brokerage.

Prior to joining Horizon, she served as Senior Vice President and Counsel of First American Title Insurance Company's New York Division until August, 2011 she worked directly with the President and Chief Operating Officer in all aspects of the New York operation developing strategic processes, agency governance and claims/cost mitigation. As an account executive, she was responsible for business development in New York, Nationally and Internationally. From July 2001 until October, 2005, she served as Chief Claims Counsel of First American Title Insurance Company of New York, responsible for claims investigation, coverage evaluation, settlement negotiation and structuring, in addition to numerous additional duties including litigation management and strategy. She was a Senior Claims Counsel & Vice President at Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, and its subsidiary, Chicago Title Insurance Company in New York (1990 – 2001).

Ms. Garelli was a member of the Attorneys Title Insurance Fund, and ran a general practice specializing in real estate transactions and civil litigation in Fort Lauderdale, FL from 1985 to 1990. After graduating Cum Laude from Florida State University with a B.A. in Foreign Languages and International Business, she then attended Law School at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida where she received her Juris Doctor with honors in 1985. Ms. Garelli is fluent in Spanish and Italian. Ms. Garelli was admitted to the Florida bar in 1985 and the New York Bar in 1998.

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President's Message

Dear Members & Friends:

Springtime is the busiest time of year for our Association. It also presents a fantastic opportunity for our members to meet and participate in various cultural and professional events.

On April 4th, Dr. Sabbia Auriti was our special guest at our general membership meeting, which always takes place on the first Wednesday of each month (excluding July and August). Dr. Auriti is a professor at Stony Brook University who teaches courses in Italian and Comparative Literature. She is also the Vice President of Marketing for Actor Paul Sorvino's food company named Tutto Italia. While Dr. Auriti enlightened the group about olive trees and Italian Culture, all in attendance were treated to exotic cheeses, olive oils from Sicily to Tuscany and delicious pasta graciously supplied by Tutto Italia.

Consistent with our goal to reach out to young lawyers and promote networking outside NYC, seven law students from New York Law School attended, as well as Peter Tangredi, President of the Columbian Lawyers of Westchester County and Anthony Piscionere, a fellow CLA Westchester member. We even had two new prospective members in attendance who will hopefully join the Association.

In the Fall, Dr. Auriti is planning a guided tour to Umbria and Tuscany for the Association. This event will take place during the height of both the wine and olive oil season. If you are interested in receiving more information about this international travel event, please contact me at Andrew@MaggioLaw.com.

On Saturday, April 28th, the New York City Bench and Bar will gather for the 49th annual Rapallo Award Luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria. This year's recipient is the Honorable Patricia M. Di Mango, Deputy Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters, Supreme Court, Kings County. The Honorable A. Gail Prudenti, Chief Administrative Judge for the State of New York presents the award.

The Rapallo Award Luncheon is the crown jewel of our Association and is a highly anticipated event that frequently receives media coverage. The Co-Chairs administering this event are Steve Savva and Marianne Bertuna. The Committee Members are Vincent Cuttita, Joseph DeMatteo and Cirino Bruno.

Our next event to cap off the Spring, will be the annual Scholarship Fund-raiser at the Columbus Citizens Foundation. If you have any items to donate, have special access to events that can be auctioned or know of any local businesses or restaurants willing to donate gift cards, please contact the event Chair Marianne Bertuna at bertunaesq@aidalalaw.com.

Information about our monthly Member Meetings, The Rapallo Award Luncheon, The Scholarship Fund-raiser, Judges' Night and all other current events can always be located at www.ColumbianLawyers.com

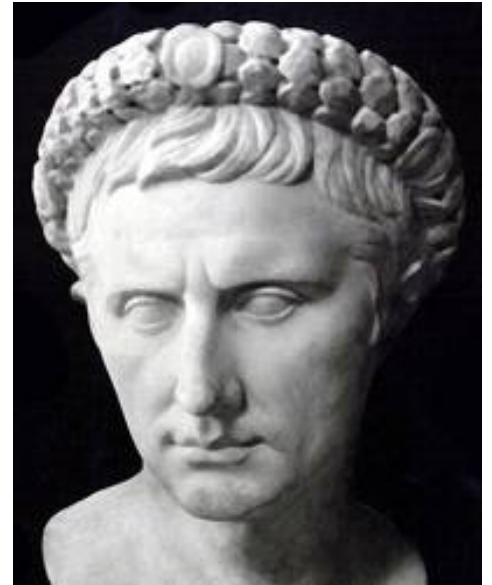
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Cultural Corner

By Matthew V. Grieco

The Rapallo Award ceremony is almost upon us. This year's honoree is Justice Patricia DiMango, a jurist of many accomplishments. As Italians, we can take extra pride in our long history of outstanding female judges. In fact, the first female judge was an Italian – Eleonora d'Arborea (1347-1404). Actually, she was a judge-ruler.



From the 800s to the very early 1400s, the island of Sardinia was divided into four independent kingdoms (Gallura, Logudoro, Arborea, and Cagliari). Unlike most kingdoms of the period, the country was not considered the personal property of the monarch. Even more unusual is that each of the Sardinian states was a kritarchy (ruled by a judge). At various times, the judges were selected by a council or were hereditary.

Eleonora became judge-ruler of Arborea upon the death of her brother in 1383. She was one of the most successful judge-rulers, winning several battles over the powerful Kingdom of Aragon (one day to become Spain). Her struggle on behalf of the island, which she sought to unite, is immortalized in Sardinian verses.

In 1392, she promulgated a code of law, the Carta de Logu or Charter of Law. That comprehensive and progressive code of civil and criminal law, divided into 198 articles, remained in effect in Sardinia until 1827. Of note, women were given property rights, and all people were equal before the law, without regard to class.

This woman of many talents lives on in yet another area – ornithology. She was such an avid falconer that a species of falcon, *falco eleonora* was named for her.



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prospective members Robert Bisaccia
and Anthony Galano, President Andrew Maggio*

