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CLE GENERAL MEETING



2 CREDIT ETHICS CLE

Avoiding Your Own "Bridgegate"

And Other Ethical Pitfalls That Can Bite
and Chew Up Your Law License

Guest Speaker:

RICHARD E. GRAYSON, ESQ.

2 CLE CREDITS (2 Ethics)

DATE: Wednesday, April 2, 2014

TIME: Cocktails at 6 - Dinner at 7

**PLACE: The Columbus Citizens Foundation
8 East 69th Street, New York, NY 10021**

COST: \$100 Per Member with RSVP*
\$125 for Guests, but you may join as a Member
or Friend of the Association to receive the lower rate.

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*Admission Price for Members in Good Standing and with RSVP.

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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 (Recertification application pending). 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 non-transitional unless otherwise indicated.

President's Message

Dear Members & Friends:

Spring has not quite yet sprung, but our Association is in the midst of our strongest season of the year for professional and networking events. In March, we invited three of our esteemed judicial members to the Columbus Club to participate in a 2 Credit CLE practical panel discussion on effectively settling cases. Moderated by our Chairman Christopher A. Quaranta, Justices John A. Barone, Joseph N. Giamboi and Paul A. Victor offered more than fifty attendees their unique perspectives on maximizing results for clients during settlement opportunities both inside and outside the Courtroom. The event provided a unique opportunity for all in attendance to participate in a lively and informative question and answer session with our esteemed panel. Given the success of this program, we hope to schedule more top quality panel lectures of this nature in the future.

In April, we continue to set the bar high with lecturer Richard E. Grayson, who will be reviewing recent developments in the field of ethics. Richard is a well-regarded speaker on this issue and his CLE lectures are always extremely well-attended and highly rated. If you are interested in attending, please be sure to RSVP immediately upon receiving this newsletter via email at ColumbianLawyers@aol.com or you can also register and pay via credit card online via the below link:

<http://fs16.formsite.com/ColumbianLawyers/April/index.html>.

Also, we are pleased to announce that we have secured the Italian Consulate in New York, located at 690 Park Avenue in Manhattan as the venue for the 2014 Italian-American Law Student Forum organized by the Confederation of Columbian Lawyers Associations. The event will take place on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. until 12 Noon. The event is an opportunity to speak to students about employment opportunities, resume drafting, interview skills, internships and much more. There is no cost to attend and we encourage you to attend and mingle with the students.

Finally, please remember to register now for our Rapallo Award Luncheon on Saturday, April 26th at the Waldorf Astoria Grand Ballroom. We are honored to present the Rapallo Award to the Honorable William F. Mastro, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department. Seating assignments are based upon the date in which your registration and payment are received, so the sooner you register, the closer to the stage you will be seated. Tickets and special sponsor opportunities are now available via our website at www.ColumbianLawyers.com.

Register online via this link: [CLICK HERE \(http://fs16.formsite.com/ColumbianLawyers/2014Rapallo/index.html\)](http://fs16.formsite.com/ColumbianLawyers/2014Rapallo/index.html)

All the best,

Steve

Stephen J. Savva, President

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March 5, 2014 - Panel CLE w/ Judges Barone, Giamboi & Victor



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Forty-Ninth Annual

Rapallo Award Luncheon

Waldorf Astoria Grand Ballroom
New York City
Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Noon



HON. WILLIAM F. MASTRO

The Honorable William F. Mastro serves as the Senior Associate Justice of the New York State Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, our State's second highest appellate court. During the period of December 2011 through October 2012, Justice Mastro served as the Acting Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division. In May 2013, Justice Mastro had the honor of being selected to hear and determine a case as a member of the New York State Court of Appeals. His judicial career began in November 1992, after being elected as Justice of the Supreme Court in Kings County. In June 2002, Justice Mastro was appointed to the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department.

Prior to joining the judiciary, Justice Mastro served in the United States Navy. He was in private practice for a brief period; he was an appointed staff attorney, and he served as a judicial law clerk. In 1972, Justice Mastro received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Villanova University. In 1972, Justice Mastro served in the United States Navy until his honorable discharge in 1974. In 1977, he received his Juris Doctor from New York Law School. Upon graduating and his admission to the New York State Bar, he spent a short time in private practice. In 1979, he began his career in State Government, upon his appointment as a Staff Attorney for the now Mental Hygiene Legal Service in New York City. In 1981, Justice Mastro served as a Law Assistant to the then New York City Civil Judge Michael L. Pesce. In 1982, Justice Mastro began an eleven year tenure as the Principal Law Clerk to the Honorable Louis Sangiorgio in Supreme Court, Richmond County.

During the past years, Justice Mastro has served as president and board member of several community and civic organizations. He retains membership in several bar associations and served on the Second District Committee for Litigation Cost and Delay created by Chief Judge Kaye and Chief Judge Lippman. Currently, Justice Mastro is the Chair of the Ethics Commission for the Unified Court System, and a member of the Richmond County Jury Board and the New York Bar Foundation. Justice Mastro is also a member of the Columbian Lawyers Association of Brooklyn and Staten Island. Justice Mastro has been married for the past 40 years to his wife Joanne. They have two children and five grandchildren.

The Charles A. Rapallo Award is the highest honor the Columbian Lawyers Association, First Judicial Department bestows annually upon individuals of Italian heritage. It is reserved only for those individuals whose integrity, high character and standing in the fields of either law, legal education, the judiciary or the government, have been documented and confirmed so as to register them as a person of noteworthy accomplishments deserving of the Award. Past recipients of the Rapallo Award include United States Supreme Court Justices, Federal and State Court Judges, New York State Court of Appeals Judges, Governors, United States Senators, United States Congressmen, the Attorney General of the United States, Mayors and other distinguished public servants.

TO ATTEND THE RAPALLO LUNCHEON [CLICK HERE](#) or Visit www.ColumbianLawyers.com



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\$150.00 - Attorneys admitted 10+ years \$1,500.00 - Lifetime Membership

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49th ANNUAL RAPALLO AWARD LUNCHEON

Honoring Appellate Division Second Judicial Department Justice William F. Mastro
Saturday, April 26, 2014

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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the Association, it is our pleasure to invite you to join us as at the 49th Annual Charles A. Rapallo Award Luncheon where we will confer our most distinguished award upon **The Honorable William F. Mastro, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department**. This award, named in honor of the first Italian American jurist appointed to the New York State Court of Appeals, is bestowed annually to outstanding jurists, public servants and citizens of Italian American descent.

Our Luncheon will be held on **Saturday, April 26, 2014** at **The Waldorf Astoria Hotel**, located at **301 Park Avenue in Manhattan** (between 49th & 50th Streets). Light refreshments begin at Noon, followed by a luncheon award reception. Business attire is required.

The cost to attend is **\$185.00 per person**. **Sponsor, Benefactor and Advocate tables of 10** may be purchased for **\$1,750.00, \$2,000.00 and \$2,500.00, respectively**. **All seating is assigned based upon the date payment is received** -- with tables of ten (10) receiving priority and Program recognition. Benefactor Tables are guaranteed 2nd Row Placement and Advocate Tables are Guaranteed 1st Row Placement until they are sold out. You may also sponsor the attendance of a Judge for \$165.00 per ticket. You may also place a full page or half page congratulatory black & white message or advertisement in our Program for \$750 or \$500 respectively. All registrations must be received by April 20, 2014. Online registration and VIP Ticket Options are also available at www.ColumbianLawyers.com.

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Marianne E. Bertuna, Esq. & Maria A. Guccione, Esq. - Event Chairs

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