

**CHESTER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION
APRIL 1, 2009**

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. The annual CCBA Law Day Luncheon will be held Friday May 1, 2009 at the West Chester County Club starting at noon. Recognition will be given to the Mock Trial competitors as well as the Swopes Scholarship recipients. Admission is only \$5.00 for CCBA members.
2. The CCBA is hosting a Blood Drive on April 24, 2009 from 9 am to 3 pm.
3. A YLD and Westlaw Happy Hour is TBA. More details will follow.
4. The CCBA is hosting a golf outing on May 12, 2009 at the Applebrook Country Club. More details will follow.
5. The YLD is seeking volunteers for the Wilmington Blue Rocks game on Friday 6/5. More information will follow.

Guest Speaker:

Our guest speaker was Stephen Lagoy, Esquire of Unruh Turner Burke & Frees. Mr. Lagoy's topic was "Mediation: The Basics." Mr. Lagoy has been a mediator in Chester County for several years. He began his discussion by highlighting the basic differences between mediation and arbitration. Mediation is not intended to be a decision making process, but it is intended to help the parties come to a decision on their own. Mediation is entirely off the record and is not admissible in court proceedings. Alternatively, arbitration is held in front of 3-arbitrator panels and can be binding. Mr. Lagoy stated that mediation is a cost-effective and efficient manner of solving disputes that do not need to be litigated.

Mr. Lagoy gave all attendees a handout, which he prepared, discussing the basics of mediation.

Anyone with suggestions for speakers for this year should submit those suggestions to Eric Trajtenberg.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 12:00 P.M. in the Lower Level of the Bar Association building. Our guest speaker will be Ryan Costello, Esquire, the Chester County Recorder of Deeds.