

**CHESTER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION
SEPTEMBER 2, 2009**

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. The CCBA is sponsoring its 2nd Annual Habitat for Humanity Day on Saturday, September 12 from 9am to 3pm in Coatesville. There is no cost to participate. Please contact Lillian Taliercio if interested.
2. The CCBA is holding a blood drive on Wednesday September 9 from 9am to 3pm at the Bar Association. An email with a sign up sheet will be circulating shortly.
3. The Fall Bench Bar Conference is October 1-3 at the Ritz Carlton in Washington DC. You can sign up online at <http://regonline.com/cbafbb2009>. Contact Lillian Taliercio to reserve a room.

Guest Speaker:

We had three guest speakers this month, all section chairs from different sections of the bar association:

- 1) Ted Murphy is chair of the Immigration Section. He spent 11 years working as an immigration prosecutor for the Department of Justice and has been a solo practitioner in West Chester for 6 years. Mr. Murphy discussed how immigration law touches every area of law, no matter what your practice. Business owners must be mindful of having “legal” employees who complete I-9’s because the government enforces I-9 audits on businesses. Employers can face fines as well as criminal charges for having illegal aliens as employees. Further, landlords can face criminal charges for harboring fugitives or illegal aliens. The Real ID Act of 2004 was passed to enforce stringent requirements on issuing drivers’ licenses. Various sex trade laws have passed to help combat the issue of forced prostitution of foreign citizens. The laws are designed to allow the victims to remain in the country they have been forced to relocate to. The Immigration Law Section is hosting the Philadelphia Regional Immigration Conference on October 29 and 30. Seasoned practitioner, immigration judges and DHS employees will be in attendance.
- 2) Peter Hart is chair of the Civil Litigation Section. He has been involved with the Bar Association since 1976. The Civil Litigation Section meets every other month. Typically, 3 to 6 Chester County judges attend and give honest feedback to attorneys on practice before them. In November, the Section is offering a Lunch and Learn seminar for CLE credit. Mr. Hart is also involved in the People’s Law School, which offers classes at adult night schools throughout the county. Lawyers are encouraged to volunteer their time speaking about their practice area. The goal is to give the students practical legal advice and a better understanding of the law. The course is 8 weeks long and lawyers are only needed to speak 1 night. The Committee for the People’s Law School meets periodically as needed. Mr. Hart also started the Civil Settlement Program in 1999 to encourage settlements in civil cases and avoid trials. To speak with Mr. Hart about any of his initiatives, you can reach him at (610) 430-2200.

- 3) Mike Considine is co-chair of the Civil Rights/Constitutional Law Section and he also started the International Business Law Section this year. Mr. Considine also teaches law in China. The Civil Rights/Con Law Section has a Supreme Court review during its meetings, discussing all cases pending before the Court in various areas of law. The Section sponsored a trip the US Supreme Corut in 2008 and plans to do so again in 2010 or 2011. The Section also discusses other federal cases pending. It meets on Fridays every two months.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 12:00 P.M. in the Lower Level of the Bar Association building. Our guest speakers are Kathy Breslin and Nanette Sweeney from the Civil Motion Department.