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NCBA Member Benefit I.D. Card Photo

Obtain your photo for court identification cards at NCBA Tech Center. Cost \$10. March, 2, 3 & 4 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

New Member Benefits!

1-800-Flowers.com
Healthtrax Fitness & Wellness
Intelligent Office of Garden City
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WE CARE Children's Holiday Party

Feb. 17, 2010 at Domus

"Walk Thru the Courts"

March 15, 2010 • 3:30 p.m.
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New Member Orientation

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Hon. Elaine Jackson Stack Moot Court Competition

March 23 • Preliminary Rounds –
4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.
March 24 • Semi Finals – 4 p.m.
Finals – 7 p.m.

WE CARE "Dressed to a Tea"

March 25 • 5:30 p.m. at Domus

Law Day

Thursday Evening
Featuring our own NCBA Players
starring in "A Funny Thing Happened
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April 29, 2010 • 5:30 p.m. at Domus

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Mortgage Foreclosure Project wins NYSBA award

By Valerie Zurblis

The Nassau County Bar Association has once again won statewide recognition for its leadership and foresight, this time for its groundbreaking Mortgage Foreclosure Pro Bono Project, which is helping hundreds of residents caught in the growing mortgage foreclosure crisis and who face the prospect of losing their homes.

At the NYSBA Annual Meeting in January, the 2009 Award of Merit was presented by the New York State Conference of Bar Leaders (NYSCBL) to Mortgage Foreclosure Task Force Chair Martha Krisel, chief deputy county attorney for Nassau, who spearheaded the NCBA project. NYSCBL is an organization for bar leaders dedicated to providing a forum for the exchange of information and ideas among association leaders.

NCBA's unique monthly clinics are also serving as models for other bars to emulate. Martha Krisel and Caryle Katz were asked to explain how the clinics are organized at the Pro Bono Coordinators Network meeting during the NYSBA Annual Meeting.

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Receiving the 2009 Award of Merit at the NYSBA Annual Meeting are some of the key organizers and supporters of the Mortgage Foreclosure Clinics (from l.) NCBA Past Presidents Peter Levy and Lance Clarke, NCBA Director of Marketing and PR Valerie Zurblis, NCBA President Emily F. Franchina, NCBA Administrator of Community Relations and Public Education Caryle Katz, Mortgage Foreclosure Task Force Co-Chair Martha Krisel, and NYSBA President-Elect Stephen Younger.



Photo courtesy of Judge Lippman's office

JONATHAN LIPPMAN TO BE MEDALLION RECIPIENT

By Dede Unger

Hon. Jonathan Lippman will be honored as the 67th recipient of the Association's Distinguished Service Medallion, to be presented at the 111th Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, May 8, 2010. The Distinguished Service Medallion is awarded to an individual, either attorney or non-attorney, for service which has enhanced the repu-

tation and dignity of the legal profession. Chief Judge Lippman is being recognized for his far-reaching reforms of New York's court system and the practice of law.

A Phi Beta Kappa and cum laude graduate of New York University, with a degree in government and international relations, and New York University's School of Law, Judge Lippman started his career in the court

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¿Podemos ayudarle? Si, podemos!

(Can we help you? Yes we can!)

*New NCBA service helps
non-english speaking residents*

By Valerie Zurblis

Now non-English speaking Nassau residents can explain their legal needs and questions in their native languages when they contact the Nassau County Bar Association. As part of the BOLD (Bridge Over Language Divides) Initiative, NCBA has installed a Language Line that quickly provides translators in 170 different languages.

"We receive many calls from people who cannot speak English fluently, but who need attorneys or legal services," said NCBA President Emily Franchina. "The Language Line will help us better serve this population and get them the proper legal resources they need."

When someone calls the Nassau Bar Association looking for a lawyer and clearly needs a translator, NCBA staff can now patch in a conference call with the Language Line as the third party, which serves as the interpreter. In many cases, the Lawyer Referral Information Service has attorneys who have indicated they can provide services and are fluent in a particular language. If an appropriate attorney is not available, the staff works with the caller to make appropriate suggestions for assistance.

The BOLD Task Force, co-chaired by Linda Nanos and Howard Brill, was created last year to be more responsive to the changing ethnic diversity of Nassau County by enhancing NCBA's ability to work with communities that speak languages other than English.

The Lawyer Assistance Program provides confidential help to lawyers and judges for alcoholism, drug abuse and mental health problems. Call 1-888-408-6222. Calls are completely confidential.

UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thurs., Feb. 11, 2010
Thurs., March 11, 2010
12:45 at Domus

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