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ADVOCATES MEMBERS MARCHING AT THE POLISH CONSTITUTIONAL DAY PARADE

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011, 7:00 P.M.

The next general membership meet of the Advocates Society will be on Friday, September 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Copernicus Foundation, Hall of Kings, Third Floor. The Foundation is located at 5216 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, one block west of the Kennedy Expressway, one block east of Milwaukee Avenue, and one block southeast of the Jefferson Park CTA station. Remember that there is free parking at the Copernicus lot. **Kathy Wantuch**, of **Hiltz & Wantuch LLC**, will inform us about "Bankruptcy Basics". Advocates will apply for one hour of MCLE credit. After the meeting there will be a delicious buffet supper from Kasia's Polish Deli.

If you plan to attend, please call **Regina Rathnau** at (312) 665-3439 and leave a message so that we know how much food to order. If you are bringing a guest, or have not paid your dues, please pay \$10.00 to Kristen Kozlowski to cover our food costs.

ADVOCATES SOCIETY ELECTIONS 2011

Please be advised that Advocates Society Officer elections will take place at the end of this year. At our September meeting, the Society will hold a small election of two individuals who wish to be on the Nominating Committee. The third member of the committee, the chairperson, will be appointed by the President. The Nominating Committee will prepare a report with a slate of proposed officers for the election of officers will occur at the December 9, 2011, meeting. Candidates may also be nominated by a written petition signed by at least 10 members, stating the name of the candidate and the office sought. The nominating petition(s) must be submitted to either the President or the Secretary by the Board meeting on October 28, 2011.

ADVOCATES SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S AWARDS



Justice Aurelia Pucinski, Honorable Raymond L. Jagielski, Robert P.Groszek, Marta Almodovar, and Honorable Moshe Jacobious

On **August 1, 2011** the Advocates Society hosted its' first **President's Awards Dinner** at **Kiki's Bistro** located at 900 N. Franklin, Chicago, Illinois, 60610, www.kikisbistro.com. Through the work of **Marta Almodovar** and others, the Advocates Society sold out the event. President **Robert Pawel Groszek** presented the President's Awards to the **Honorable Raymond L. Jagielski**, Presiding Judge of the Fifth Municipal District of Cook County, and the **Honorable Moshe Jacobious**, Presiding Judge of the Cook County Chancery Division with the assistance of Justice **Aurelia Pucinski**, of the Illinois Appellate Court.

Honorable Raymond L. Jagielski, upon receiving his award, recited an historical speech about the Advocates Society, its history, his involvement with the Society, and future of the Society. He was joined by his family and many colleagues from the Fifth Municipal District. We are grateful that Judge Jagielski accepted the award and pledged to be a part of the Advocates into the future. **Honorable Moshe Jacobius**, was also given an award for his assistance and generosity to the Society. Judge Jacobius provided a brief history of his career, and being of Polish Descent. We are proud to have given awards to two members of the legal community that excel in their careers, yet remember their

polish Heritage. It is important to note, that many ethnic bar association presidents and most, if not all Presiding Judges in the Circuit Court of Cook County were in attendance. We thank them for their support of our Polish organization.

The Advocates' Society congratulates both the Honorable Raymond L. Jagielski, and the Honorable Moshe Jacobious. Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of the people of Cook County, and the State of Illinois.

The Advocates Society appreciates the gracious hospitality of Advocates Society's member, **Denise Staniec**, and the tireless work of the mistress of ceremonies, **Marta Almodovar**.

TASTE OF POLONIA

Taste of Polonia took place from Friday September 2 through Monday, September 5 (Labor Day



(Denise Staniec and Dawn Bode)

Weekend) at the Copernicus Foundation. Taste of Polonia is an annual festival of Polish food and culture featuring food, music, games and demonstrations of Polish culture. For more information please visit www.copernicusfdn.org. Traditionally, members of the Advocates Society volunteer to help in recognition of our long-standing relationship with the Copernicus Foundation. It is a lot of fun, and volunteers receive free admission and a meal or two. The Advocates The Copernicus Foundation thanks all Advocates' Society members who volunteered during Taste of Polonia. Robert Groszek personally Thanks Dawn Bode, Denise Staniec, Joan Smuda, Jan Strzalka, Marta Wasilewski, Agnes Ptasznik, Joanna Michalec, Joanna Koson, Regina and John Lairson, Steve and Grace Rakowski, Judges Skryd, and Kariopolous. We hope to see you

again next year!



(from Left to Right) Joan Smuda, Artur Koson, Joanna Koson, Hon. David Skryd, Joanna Michalec, Agnes Ptasznik, President Robert P. Groszek, Regina Rathnau Lairson, Marta Almodovar, Steven Rakowski and Hon. Anthony Kyriopolous

THE BOHEMIAN LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

The Bohemian Lawyers Association of Chicago will celebrate its 100th birthday on September 30, 2011 at the Hilton Chicago Hotel, 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois. The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$250.00 per person. Those interested in attending should contact **R. Terence Kalina**, at (630) 668-8500.

CONGRATULATIONS

Advocates' Society congratulates, **Agnes Ptasznik**, of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General on being admitted to the Illinois Bar.

NORTH SUBURBAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S INSTALLATION DINNER

The North Suburban Bar Association hosted their annual Installation and Awards Dinner on September 13, 2011 at the North Shore Country Club, 1340 Glenview Road, Glenview, Illinois. Advocates member **Anna P. Krolikowska** was sworn in as 1st Vice President. NSBA also commemorated the decade anniversary of 09/11 with a special presentation by Maureen Cunningham, the Regional Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency Region. Congratulations to the 2011-2012 NSBA Officers, and Board of Managers!

JUSTINIAN SOCIETY OF LAWYERS INSTALLATION DINNER

The Justinian Society of Lawyers will host their annual Installation and Awards Dinner on September 22, 2011 at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel, 17 East Monroe, Street, Chicago, Illinois. The Justinian Society will recognize John Locallo, the President of the Illinois State Bar Association, and Justice Mary Schostok. The celebration will begin with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending this event please contact the Justinian Society at (708) 338-0760, or www.justinians.org.

JUDGES' NIGHT

The Annual Judges' Night is scheduled for Thursday, **October 20, 2011** at the **Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL**. Those interested in making a donation or sponsorship options should contact **Regina Rathnau** at (312) 665-3439 by September 22, 2011. Volunteers are needed. We call on all Advocates Society members to volunteer for a portion of the event. Cost will be \$20.00 for dues paying members and additional guests, and \$50.00 for non dues paying members.

ADVOCATES SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars! The annual scholarship fundraiser will be hosted **November 11, 2011** at **The Parthenon Restaurant** located at **314 S. Halsted, Chicago, IL 60661**, (312) 726-2407. The fundraiser will offer a silent auction and the proceeds will benefit the Knights of Dabrowski scholarship fund for law students of Polish descent. **Kristen Kozlowski** is currently looking for silent auction items, so please contact her at (312) 726 - 6317, or kristenkoz@hotmail.com with items you would like to donate (e.g., tickets to events, gift certificates, books, bottles of wine, etc.). Solicitation letters for donations will be mailed shortly. Please think about potential donations. Cost will be \$100.00 per person, and includes an open bar and free valet parking. **A great night will be enjoyed by all!**

THE POLISH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION GALA

The Polish American Association has announced that it will be awarding the Advocates Society member **John Pikarski** its prestigious Presidential Award at the Polish American Association's Benefit Gala. John is past President, and an Honorary Board member of the Polish American Association. The Advocates Society congratulates John Pikarski! The event will take place on November 12, 2011 at Cafe La Cave, 2777 Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018. Tickets are \$165. **Maureen Pikarski** is putting together an Advocates Society table. If you are interested in attending this event and sitting at the Advocates Society table please contact **Maureen Pikarski** at **312-521-7004**, or mpikarski@gordonpikarski.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

Advocates Society congratulates Linda Kuczma! Linda has accepted the position of an Administrative Trademark Judge at the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, VA. **Linda Kuczma** has specialized in trademark prosecution, counseling, litigation, licensing and other intellectual property matters during her career, and also is registered to practice before the USPTO in patent matters. During her career in private practice, she has been named among the top 50 women attorneys in Illinois and has been named an Illinois Super Lawyer and Leading Lawyer in intellectual property. She was also recently presented with the McManus Award by the Guerin Prep High School. For more information regarding the McManus Award and **Linda Kuczma's** numerous accomplishments go to www.guerinprep.org/alumni.html. **Linda Kuczma** will begin her new position of Administrative Trademark Judge in October, 2011.



Linda Kuczma, '74 graduate of Mother Theodore Guerin High School, and Tom Kowalski, '79 graduate of Holy Cross High School, display their McManus Davenport Awards given for outstanding service.

The Polish American Police Association

The Polish American Police Association will host their annual Night at the Races on November 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Maywood Park Race Track, 8600 W. North Avenue, Maywood Park, Illinois. Tickets are priced at \$23.00 each and include free valet parking, clubhouse admission, an official program, and buffet dinner with coffee and dessert. If you are interested in attending this event please contact **Kristen Kozlowski** at **(312) 726 - 6317**, or kristenkoz@hotmail.com.

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2011 Calendar of Advocates Society Events

If you have a potential newsletter item, please forward it to Anna Krolikowska, 899 Skokie Blvd., Suite 300, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, or contact her at (847) 715-9328.

- September 16, 2011, Friday, 7:00 p.m. General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Illinois
- September 22, 2011, Justinian Society Installation, Palmer House Hilton Hotel, 17 East Monroe, Street, Chicago, Illinois
- September 30, 2011, Friday, Board of Governors' Meeting
- September 30, 2011, Friday, Bohemian Lawyers Association Centennial Celebration
- October 20, 2011, Thursday, Annual Judges' Night, Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Illinois
- October 28, 2011, Friday, Board of Governors' Meeting
- November 11, 2011, Friday, Annual Scholarship Dinner
- December 2, 2011, Friday, Board of Governors' Meeting
- December 9, 2011, Friday, Holiday Party at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
- January 12, 2011, Thursday, Board of Governors' Meeting
- January 20, 2011, Friday, General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
- February 3, 2012, Friday, Board of Governors' Meeting
- February 2012, TBD, Annual Awards and Installation Dinner

Amicus Poloniae Legal Clinic

5711 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL
Saturday, September 17, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 15, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Call (773) 763-8520 for more information.