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December Edition

Holiday Meeting

Friday, December 17, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

The Holiday meeting of the Advocates Society will be on Friday, December 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Copernicus Foundation, Hall of Kings, Third Floor. Guests (spouses, friends and children) of members are welcome for \$15 per person to cover the cost of food and drink. All Advocates Society dues paying members are free.

There will be no speaker for the holiday meeting, just a brief call to order to introduce and vote on our most recent new members applicants. The following individuals have applied for membership and will be considered at the Holiday Meeting: Christopher Bordeaux, Peter Ciesielski, Nicholas Cioromski, Piot Kordas, Eva Kwidzinska, Alison Leary, Patrycja Karolina Sadowska, Denise Staniec and Monica Zablocka. We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Association.

After the meeting there will be a delicious buffet supper from Kasia's Polish Deli. If you plan to attend, please call **Robert Groszek** at (773) 267-6100 and leave a message so that we know how much food to order. 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.

January General Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

The first meeting of 2011 and the final general meeting of this year's Board's term will be on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., at the Copernicus Foundation, Hall of Kings, Third Floor. We will have a special program for this General Meeting recognizing those members of Advocates Society who have applied for "Retired Status", those members of the Polish-American community who have made a special contribution to jurisprudence and Polish-American members of the judiciary who have obtained milestones in their career.

Please look for additional details in the January newsletter and mark your calendar for this special meeting.

Advocates Scholarship Fundraiser

Congratulations to Second Vice President **Regina Rathnau** on the success of the Scholarship Fundraiser at the **Parthenon Restaurant** on November 19, 2010. The proceeds of approximately \$7,000.00 will benefit the Advocates Society scholarship fund for law students of Polish descent administered by Knights of Dabrowski an IRC 501(c)(3) charitable entity. Regina thanks all those who attended, purchased an ad, provided a silent auction item, or helped make the evening a wonderful success.



Advocates Society members with the Knights of Dabrowski 2010 Law School Scholarship recipients. In the picture from left to right: scholarship recipient Jack Komperda, Washington University; mother of scholarship recipient Michal Baumert, George Washington University; Advocates Society member and Past President Linda Kuczma; Advocates Society member and Chair of the Scholarship Committee Kevin Ochalla; and scholarship recipient Krzysztof Sobczak, Boston College.

2010 Holiday Gathering at the Polish Consulate

The Advocates Society would like to thank Consul General Matynia for hosting the Advocates Society members and their guests at the Polish Consulate on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 to celebrate Christmas.



In this photo: Friend of the Advocates Society Geri D'Souza with Advocates Society Member and Past President Bob Oleszkiewicz at the Polish Consulate Christmas Gathering.

2011 Installation Dinner & Celebration of Advocates 80th Anniversary

The 2011 Advocates Society Installation and Awards Dinner will be on Thursday, February 17, 2011. More information regarding the location and details will be included in the invitations in early January and will also be available in the January newsletter and at the January General Meeting. Please mark your calendars and join us for this special celebration.

2011-2012 Board Positions

Are you interested in becoming more active in the Advocates Society? The nominating committee is now accepting names of those individuals who may be interested in a position as an Officer or a Committee Chair for the 2011-2012 term. Please provide your name, contact information and the position you are interested in to Robert Groszek at (773) 267-7100.

CLE

MentorCLE, an approved MCLE provider in Illinois, is looking for attorneys to present online video courses. The courses are taped in an informal interview format, so extensive preparation is not needed. Attorneys receive MCLE credit for presenting a one-hour course (check MCLE rules for exact number of hours). By special arrangement, any member can then choose to donate to the Advocates Society the royalties the member would otherwise receive from course registration fees. Attorneys who are interested can view Advocates member **Paul Peldyak's** course Appeals Rules, Standards, and Procedures for free at www.MentorCLE.com, along with other courses. For more information please contact Lee Goodman at 847-559-9525 or LeeGoodman@MentorCLE.com.

Congratulations

Anna Krolikowska led a successful ISBA YLD Holiday Party and helped raise approximately \$16,000 to create children friendly waiting rooms in courthouses throughout Illinois.

Ted Makarewicz has been named as the General Counsel for the Cook County Assessor's Office.

If you have a newsworthy item please send it to the Advocates Society for consideration in the newsletter and for disbursement to the Chicago legal communication. The Advocates Society's Public Relations Chair is Pamela Sakowicz Menaker and she may be reached at: Pammenaker@aol.com.

Condolences

Advocates Society expresses its deepest condolences to **William H. Powell** on the passing of his beloved wife, Mildred Powell, nee Tomchek, and **Joan Smuda and Norm Schroeder** on the passing of Norm's mother, Eileen Mae Schroeder. Please keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Dues Notice

The Advocates Society membership dues payments were due by May 1, 2010. 2010 Dues are \$150 for attorneys who have been admitted to the Bar for 5 years or more, \$100 for members who have been admitted to the Bar less than 5 years, and \$30 for law students. In order to attend the general meetings your dues must be paid in full.

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Winter 2010/Spring 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.

- December 17, 2010, Friday, 7:00 p.m. **Advocates Holiday Meeting**, Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence, Chicago, Illinois.
- January 20, 2011, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. **Advocates General Meeting**, Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence, Chicago, Illinois.
- February 17, 2011, Thursday, **Advocates Society Installation Dinner**, Location TBD.

Amicus Poloniae Legal Clinic

5711 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL

Saturday, December 18, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 15, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Call (773) 763-8520 for more information.