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General Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

The next general meeting of the Advocates Society will be on Thursday, January 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Copernicus Foundation, Hall of Kings, Third Floor. The guest speaker for this meeting will be the Honorable Diane Larsen. The topic of Judge Larsen's presentation will be Civil Procedure in Illinois State Court. The Advocates Society will apply for MCLE credit for this program.

At this meeting, the Board of Directors will seek the general memberships' consent to extend Honorary membership status to the following individuals: **Consul General Zygmunt Matynia, Kazimiera ("Kasia") Bober**, and **Lillian Bogusz** and retired status to the following members: **Ted Kowalski and Ed Matuga**. Finally, the organization will recognize the **Honorable John Wasilewski** (ret.) for his many years of service to the Cook County judiciary and congratulate him on his recent retirement.

Guests (spouses and friends) of members are welcome for \$10 per person to cover the cost of food and drink. All Advocates Society dues paying members are free. A delicious buffet supper from Kasia's Polish Deli will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you plan to attend the meeting, please call **Robert Groszek** at (773) 267-6100 and leave a message so that he knows 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.

New Members

The Advocates Society is pleased to announce that **Linda Kozil** and **Dennis Stefanowicz** have applied for membership. Their applications have been approved by the Board and will be presented to the membership at the January 20, 2011 meeting. We look forward to welcoming Linda and Dennis to our organization.

Annual Installation & Awards Dinner & Celebration of 80 Years!

Advocates Society members are encouraged to invite spouses, colleagues, and friends to attend the 2011 Installation and Awards Dinner. The 2011 Installation and Awards Dinner will be on **Thursday, February 17, 2011**, at the Hotel InterContinental, Renaissance Ballroom, 505 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611, overlooking the beautiful Magnificent Mile. There will be an open cocktail reception beginning at 6:00 pm followed by an elegant dinner with main course of Filet and Halibut beginning at 7:00 pm. The event includes the presentation of the Award of Merit to **Judy Baar Topinka**, remarks of the outgoing President Megan Kaszubinski Ferraro, and installation of new Advocates Society officers including Robert P. Groszek as President. The cost is \$125 per person or \$1,000 per table of 10 with RSVP by February 12, 2011. Business formal attire is requested. For further information please contact **Robert P. Groszek** at (773) 267-6100 or robert@groszeklaw.com.



The following members will be installed as 2011-2012 Officers:

Robert P. Groszek President

Regina Rathnau Lairson	1 st Vice President	Michele (Stack) Hendrickson	2 nd Vice President
Alexander Z. Fiedotjew	3 rd Vice President	L. Steven Rakowski	Secretary
Kristen Kozlowski	Treasurer	Michael Zink	Historian

Congratulations

Carlton Marcyan of the Lake Forest Office of Schiller DuCanto & Fleck, and Linda Kuczma of the Chicago office of Banner & Witcoff, who have been named 2011 Illinois Super Lawyers. Carlton practices Family Law and his biography is available at: <http://www.sdflaw.com/?t=3&A=1063&format=xml>. Linda practices Intellectual Property Law and her biography is available at: <http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/lkuczma/>.

National Advocates Society

National Advocates Society has extended free membership and waiver of the initiation fee for Advocates Society members who join the National Advocates Society in 2011. For more information please contact **Maureen Pikarski** at (312) 521-7004.

Advocates Society Co-Sponsors CBA Event: Conversation with Justice Sonia Sotomayor

On Monday, January 31, 2011, the Chicago Bar Association presents Conversations with Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Honorable Ann Claire Williams at The Standard Club. A reception will be held at 4:00 p.m. with Hors d'oeuvres and Open Bar on the 2nd Floor with the program to begin at 5:15 p.m. on the 5th Floor. Admission is \$50 per person. For reservations please contact Tamra Drees at tdrees@chicagobar.org or (312) 554-2057.

Illinois Bar Foundation Presents Lawyers Rock Legends

On Thursday, February 3, 2011 from 7:00-11:30 p.m. join the IBF for an evening of rock, motown, jazz and blues at Buddy Guy's Legends, 700 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois. Brother John is the headliner with 8 other opening bands. Ticket prices are \$85 for main floor with food and beverage; \$125 for VIP main floor seating with food and beverage; or \$35 for upper level seating with video screen projection of the performances and two free drink coupons. All proceeds to benefit the Illinois Bar Foundation. For more information please call 312-726-6072 or check out their website: IllinoisBarFoundation.org.

Women's Bar Association of Illinois 3rd Annual Rise Up & Reach Back Scholarship Luncheon

On Friday, January 21, 2011, the Women's Bar Association will award the Esther Rothstein Award to Senator Dawn Clark Netsch (ret.) and Mary Hutchings Reed at a Luncheon at Petterino's. The reception will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the lunch and awards presentation to follow from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. The event is \$50 per person and attendance is open to current WBAI members and their guests. RSVP at (312) 341-8530.

Updated Website

The Advocates Society has engaged Sebastian Musial (husband of Agata Musial) to redesign the Advocates Society website and provide updated functionality. On February 7, 2011 the Advocates Society will publish its new and improved website. Among other things, the new website will contain general background information about our organization, newsletters, up-to-date minutes from past meetings, and functionality to allow for payment or donations via credit card. We truly appreciate Sebastian's hard work and look forward to your comments.

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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.

- January 20, 2011, Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Advocates Society General Meeting, details on page 1.
- February 4, 2011, Friday, 7:00 p.m., Board of Governors Meeting. For details contact Megan Kaszubinski Ferraro at mkferraro@gmail.com.
- February 17, 2011, Thursday, 6:00 p.m. **Advocates Society Installation Dinner**, details on page 2.

New Calendar/Year for the Advocates Society starts in March 2011. Calendars for next year will be available at the Installation Dinner.

Amicus Poloniae Legal Clinic

5711 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL
Saturday, January 15, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 19, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Call (773) 763-8520 for more information.