
SCHENECTADY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 18, 2001	SCBA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
October 23, 2001	Lynch Portrait unveiling 10:00 a.m., County Courthouse Christian X. Kouray memorial for family & friends, 5:30, Glen Sanders Mansion
November 16, 2001	Dinner honoring Judge Howard G. Munson
January 17, 2002	SCBA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
February 7, 2002	Elder Law Seminar
April 18, 2002	SCBA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
May 1, 2002	Law Day
May 16, 2002	21 st Annual Real Estate Seminar
June 20, 2002	SCBA Annual Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT
THE GLEN SANDERS MANSION, SCOTIA, NY

OFFICERS

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

J. David Burke
John R. Seebold
Robert W. Hoffman
Kathryn McCary



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Seven attorneys became members of the Association at the September 20 meeting. We welcome to the Association:

Louis Chicatelli, Fazzone & Fazzone
Christine Clark, District Attorney's Office
Kevin Gallant, Supreme Court Clerk
Amanda Mospan, Capasso & Massaroni, LLP
Laura Silva, Schenectady
John W. Vandenburg, Napierski, Vandenburg
& Napierski
Christine L. Warren, Antokol, Reisman & Coffin

L NEXT MEETING **7**

OCTOBER 18, 2001, 12:00 P.M.
Memorial for Joseph A. Drago

If you plan to attend the meeting, please contact Robert Hoffman at 370-4743 for reservations or e-mail us at SchenectadyBar@aol.com

~~3A~~Reminder: Lunch is now \$15

FROM THE PRESIDENT

J. David Burke

Hopefully, by the time you read this you will have made your donation to the New York State World Trade Center Relief Fund. In case we missed you, at our September meeting we decided to assist the victims of the September 11th tragedy in two ways: (1) a \$5,000 donation from our funds and (2) the solicitation of donations from our members for the New York State World Trade Center Relief Fund. Since we would like to forward our donations onto the Relief Fund as soon as possible, take the time now to make out a check payable to the NYS World Trade Center Relief Fund and mail it to Robert W. Hoffman, Esq., 1802 Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, New York 12309. Many thanks.

On September 21st, at Judge Caruso's invitation I represented SCBA at a Naturalization Term that was held at the Mohonasen High School. Given its proximity to September 11th, the joy the new citizens exhibited when they received their certificate of citizenship was a very moving experience. Equally impressive was the respect the 11th and 12th grade students displayed during the ceremony and the enthusiastic reception they gave to the 80 new citizens who came from every part of the globe.

Speaking of students, we received the following letter from Andrew Ramirez, the recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship we fund at SCCC:

"I cannot thank you enough for the Schenectady County Bar Association Award you have generously rewarded me with. It is so essential and important to always try your hardest throughout school and this award is proof that hard work does pay off. The money from this scholarship is greatly appreciated and will be put in my best interest, which could only be towards my education. I am anticipating the beginning of my college education at SCCC where I will continue the process of learning how to better one's self and secure one's future. Thanks again."

SCCC also thanked us for our contribution and expressed the hope that other professional organizations will take note of our leadership. Again, we repeat our thanks to Rich Weiskopf who first suggested that we create this scholarship.

Opening the OCA mailbag, effective June 1, 2001, CLE credit may be earned for performing pro bono legal services. Briefly, 1 CLE credit hour will be awarded for every six 50 minute hours (300 minutes) of pro bono legal service. A maximum of 6 CLE credit hours may be earned during one two-year reporting cycle. As soon as we obtain approval as a Pro Bono CLE Provider, I will

provide those of you who participate in our Pro-Bono Matrimonial Program with the details on obtaining the credits.

At the Executive Committee meeting we decided that we would concentrate our CLE efforts this year on providing programs that will provide credits toward your ethics obligation. Long term, we would like to offer a sufficient number of programs so that you could satisfy your CLE obligation by merely attending SCBA programs. Obviously, this is an ambitious goal that will require some effort to accomplish. If you would like to make a contribution toward this effort, please let me know, as we would like to form an active CLE Program Committee.

While on the issue of committees, if you were not at the September meeting you will be receiving in the mail a committee sign up sheet which you can either mail back to SCBA or drop off at the October meeting. It is important to return the form because, in addition to indicating your committee preference, you are asked to provide information regarding your area(s) of concentration that we will use to update our referral list that someday will appear on our web site.

Before I totally antagonize my editor with my verbosity, I will put my pencil down, but not before congratulating the Gordon Siegel Firm on its receipt of the Law Firm Leadership Award from the Legal Project of the Capital District Women's Bar Association.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 18th.

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PORTRAIT UNVEILING

The portrait of the Honorable Robert E. Lynch commissioned by the Association for the Schenectady County Courthouse will be presented in a ceremony to be held at the Courthouse on October 23, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome—light refreshments will be served. Please call Chris Galvin's office (690-7000) if you plan to attend.

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FROM THE COMMITTEES

ESTATE & ELDER LAW There will be a meeting of the Committee October 17 at 8:00 a.m. at the offices of Englert, Coffey & McHugh, LLP, 224 State Street, Schenectady. The guest speaker will be Attorney Damon Stewart from the Ellis Foundation.



MATRIMONIAL LAW There will be a meeting of the Committee October 12 at 8:00 a.m. at the offices of Gordon, Tepper & DeCoursey, LLP, Socha Plaza South, 113 Saratoga Road, Scotia. For more information contact chair Eric Tepper, 399-5400



REAL ESTATE There will be a meeting of the Committee October 10 at 8:00 a.m. at the offices of Robert W. Hoffman, 1802 Eastern Parkway, Schenectady. For more information contact chair Lawrence Naviasky, 374-7779.



LAW DAY At its organizational meeting on September 13 the Committee began planning the Schenectady County Bar Association’s celebration of Law Day, which will take place on May 1, 2002. The theme this year is “Assuring Equal Justice for All.” As in years past, the Association will host: a program for Schenectady County Middle School students at a local college; an Elder Law program for the public (coordinated by the Elder Law Committee); and Law Day booths at various Schenectady County venues.

In addition, the Law Day Committee is starting an Attorney in the Classroom project. This program will be used to introduce students to the Law Day theme and educate students about careers in law. This year the Attorney in the Classroom project will focus on Middle Schools. Over the next three years, the project will be expanded to include all schools (kindergarten through twelfth grade) in Schenectady County.

On November 13, 2001, the committee will host a dinner for Middle School teachers and principals to kick off the attorney in the Classroom program. The dinner will also provide an opportunity for the committee to discuss the current Law Day program with the teachers and principals.

The next committee meeting will be held October 16 at 8:30 a.m. at the offices of Carpenter & Cioffi, P.C., 2310 Nott Street East, Niskayuna. Anyone wishing to join the Committee is welcome! For more information contact Chair Michelle Wildgrube, mwildgrube@carpentercioffi.com. or 377-6700

CRIMINAL LAW COMMITTEE REVIVED

Paul Callahan has volunteered to chair a substantive area committee for criminal law practitioners. If you are interested, contact Paul at 895-2334



RECENT DECISIONS

Suspension of Statute of Limitations

On September 12, 2001, the Governor issued an executive order temporarily suspending CPLR 201, CPLR 5513, CPL 30.10 & 30.30 and CPL 460.10, 460.30, 460.50 and article 460 insofar as those statutes relate to limitation periods concluding during the period commencing on September 11, 2001 and continuing thereafter until further notice. In addition, the Governor temporarily suspended any statute, local law, etc. establishing limitations of time for the filing or service of any legal action, notice or other process.

Dominy v Golub Corp., ___AD2d___ [September 20, 2001]; *Davis v Golub Corp.*, ___AD2d ___ [September 20, 2001]

In both cases the Court held that an employee’s admission against his employer’s interest was not admissible which seems to suggest a retreat from the holding in *Tyrrell v Wal-Mart Stores* (278 AD2d 770) where the Court held that such a statement could be admissible under the *res gestae* exception to the hearsay rule. In any event, the Court of Appeals will have the last word when it decides the *Tyrrell* appeal.



In Memoriam

Joseph A. Drago – May 25, 2001
 SCBA Memorial will be given at the meeting October 18

Christian X. Kouray – August 25, 2001
 SCBA Memorial date will be announced Memorial for family and friends—see *Notices and Items of Interest*

NOTICES/ITEMS OF INTEREST

MEMORIAL SERVICE

for

CHRISTIAN X. KOURAY

October 23, 2001

5:30 p.m.

Glen Sanders Mansion

Reception following service
Please RSVP by October 19, 2001
SchenectadyBar@aol.com or call
853-8102

A dinner celebrating 25 years of distinguished Federal Judicial service by the Honorable Howard G. Munson, Senior Federal District Court Judge for the Northern District, will be held Friday, November 15, 2001 in the Oncenter, Syracuse, Cocktails at 6:00/Dinner at 7:30 p.m. The Schenectady County Bar Association has joined other bar associations in the Northern District in adopting a resolution honoring Judge Munson; President Burke will attend the celebration as a representative of the Association, but all are welcome. Tickets are \$100 per person; reservations must be made by November 1. Please contact either Deborah Karalunas, Bond, Schoeneck & King, LLP at One Lincoln Center, Syracuse 13202 (315) 422-0121/dkaralunas@BS&K.com or Edward Z. Menkin, State Tower Building, Syracuse, 13202 (315) 425-1212/emenk@aol.com for information or reservations.



The Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Capital District invites all members of the judiciary and bar—regardless of their faith—to attend the annual Red Mass, the traditional Mass celebrated for those in the legal community—in 2002, the Red Mass will be held on June 20, at noon, at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. for information, contact Mary Beth Dunne at 489-4102 or mbtttd@yahoo.com.



Patrick J. Cremo is now employed in the Albany Office of the New York State Workers Compensation Board. He can be reached by e-mail at PatrickCrema/ALB/WCB@WCB.



Arthur A. Pasquariello & Richard H. Weiskopf have formed the law firm of Pasquariello & Weiskopf, LLP, with offices at One Marcus Boulevard in Albany; Julia Purdy is also with the firm. Their telephone number is 689-0323, fax 689-0329.



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ARE YOU A 50-YEAR PRACTITIONER?

In the Spring of 2002, the Association will honor members still in active practice who have been in practice for 50 years or more. Association records in this area are incomplete—if you should be on the list below, please call President Dave Burke 393-4115 .

Hon. D.Vincent Cerrito
Mary Louise Corrigan
Albie S. Ferrucci
Harold Friedman
Arnold M. Gordon
Nicholas J. Grasso
Gerald T. Hennessy
Francis Jay Juracka
Athena C. Kouray
Frank J. Litz
Joseph P. McGrane
Nicholas D. Morsillo
Lawrence Ott
James L. Pemberton
Rita Toppetta

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INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

To join an SCBA committee, contact:

Criminal Law—Paul Callahan
Estate & Elder Law—John Fantauzzi/Pam McDevitt
Matrimonial Law—Eric Tepper
Real Estate—Larry Naviasky
Law Day—Michelle Wildgrube
Pro Bono Matrimonial—J. David Burke

[addresses & numbers are in the SCBA directory—if you've mislaid your copy, call Kathryn McCary for a replacement]

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**OCA REQUESTS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED
RULE—MANDATORY LETTER OF
ENGAGEMENT**

President J. David Burke has received a request from Chief Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman for comment on a proposed Amendment to the Joint Rules of the

Appellate Division. The proposal would require an attorney to provide the client with a written letter of engagement at the commencement of representation where the fee to be charged is expected to be \$1,000 or more. The public comment period will end November 5, 2001. The text of the proposed rule, and the explanation for the proposal offered by the Office of Court Administration, follow. Comments can either be sent directly to Jonathan Lippman, Chief Administrative Judge, 140 Grand Street, Suite 704, White Plains, NY 10601, or be sent to President Burke for consideration in preparing comment by this Association.

PROPOSED RULE

§ _____ Written Letter of Engagement

(a) Effective _____, 2002, an attorney who undertakes to represent a party and enters into an arrangement for, charges or collects any fee from a client shall provide to the client a written letter of engagement at the commencement of representation. The letter of engagement shall address the following matters:

- (1) Explanation of the scope of the legal services to be provided;
- (2) Explanation of attorney's fees to be charged, including expenses and billing practices; and
- (3) Where applicable, notice of the client's right to arbitration of fee disputes under Part 137 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator.

(b) An attorney may comply with the provisions of subdivision (a) by entering into a signed written retainer agreement with the client, provided that the agreement addresses the matters set forth in subdivision (a).

(c) This section shall not apply to (1) representation of a client where the fee to be charged is expected to be less than \$1000, and (2) representation in domestic relations matters subject to Part 1400 of the Joint Rules of the Appellate Division [22 NYCRR].

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT RULE

The Administrative Board of the Courts has released for public comment a proposed addition to the Joint Rules of the Appellate Divisions that would require attorneys who represent a party for a fee to provide to their clients a written letter of engagement at the outset of representation where the fee to be charged is expected to be \$1,000 or more.

This rule implements a proposal by the Commission on the Profession and the Courts, a blue-ribbon panel appointed by the Chief Judge, which investigated sources of public dissatisfaction with the legal profession and identified the need to enhance the client's understanding of a lawyer's responsibilities in performing legal services and the client's financial obligations for those services. Experience has shown that many misunderstandings and disputes between attorneys and clients -- particularly over fees -- could have been avoided if the client had a clear understanding of the terms of the representation. The letter of engagement serves as a permanent record of the parties' expectations and obligations, and each can refer to it in the future. Many lawyers in New York and around the country already use letters of

engagement or written retainer agreements as a matter of good practice.

This proposed rule is intended to ensure that there is a memorialized meeting of the minds with regard to the most basic terms of the engagement. The rule prescribes three matters that must be covered in the letter of engagement -- the scope of legal services to be performed, the fee to be charged, and, where applicable, the notice of the right to arbitrate fee disputes (as recently promulgated in Part 137 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator). The rule is not intended to interfere with or supplant written retainer agreements currently in use by lawyers. Furthermore, it is flexible; no model letter of engagement is proposed, as the circumstances of representation vary so widely based on different practice settings that no single form could be useful. The lawyer should feel free to develop a letter that reflects the circumstances of his or her practice. The letter of engagement should not be a complex legal instrument, but should be a succinct and clear statement of the basics of the representation arrangement guided by the nature of the services to be performed.

The proposed rule would not apply where the fee to be charged is below \$1000, thus excluding many types of services and situations that simply do not merit the formality of an engagement letter. Where a written retainer agreement exists between the parties, as in most contingency fee matters, the agreement should satisfy the letter of engagement requirement. Unlike retainer agreements, the client need not provide a signature confirming acceptance of the terms of the letter of engagement: presentation of the letter to the client would be sufficient. Finally, the rule does not apply to domestic relations matters covered by Part 1400 of the Joint Rules of the Appellate Division (matrimonial rules), which has its own retainer agreement requirement.

We look forward to receiving the input of the Bar on this important initiative.

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ADVERTISING IN SCBA PUBLICATIONS:

Advertising will be accepted for inclusion in the Schenectady County Bar Association Newsletter, Membership Directory, and other publications. Those who are interested, please contact Kathryn McCary at 377-6489.

**KEEP YOUR PROFESSIONAL
COLLEAGUES POSTED**

If

- % you have relocated
- % you or someone you know has received special recognition
- % your firm is involved in community based activities

and you would like your announcement placed in the **SCBA** newsletter, please drop us a line:

SCBA
c/o McCary & Huff, LLP
107 North Ballston Avenue
Scotia, NY 12302

so we can share the good news.

Minutes--Schenectady County Bar Association--Membership

Regular Meeting--September 20, 2001--12:00 p.m.--The Glen Sanders Mansion, Scotia, NY

The meeting was called to order by President J. David Burke at 12:20 p.m., 40 members of the Association being then present and constituting a quorum.. The meeting opened with a moment of silence honoring the victims of the atrocities of September 11.

ASSOCIATION RESPONSE TO THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11

James Bendall proposed that the Association enter into an effort to collect funds from its members, to be donated to the relief efforts now underway. Richard Antokol moved, and John Massaroni seconded, the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association shall solicit contributions from its members, to be devoted to efforts to relieve the effects of the atrocities committed September 11, 2001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Association shall contribute, from its Treasury, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for this purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee shall be charged with responsibility to determine all such matters as are necessary to effectuate the intent of the Association in adopting this resolution.

The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

In discussion prior to and following the adoption of the Resolution, Mr. Bendall proposed individual gifts of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) as a reasonable target; the Honorable JoAnne Assini suggested that the Association might consider making the gift to a particular family affected by the tragedy, rather than to an institutional donee--the American Red Cross was also mentioned as a possible recipient; Richard Antokol suggested that the fund-raising effort be conducted within a 30-day time frame; Frank Putorti suggested that the contribution from the Association's treasury be made immediately, with a further gift to follow when solicitations have been completed; there was also discussion of the issuance of a press release, or the use of paid advertising, to make the public aware of this action. Mr. Antokol further commented on the importance at this time of making an effort both to share our own stories of September 11, and to listen to the stories of our colleagues, staff, friends and families.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Robert Hoffman distributed the final report of retiring Treasurer John Seebold (copy attached). This report shows a balance on hand, as of August 30, of Twenty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents. Dues notices for the 2001-2002 program year will be going out in the near future.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The names of seven applicants were read for a second time; no objection being raised, they were declared admitted and welcomed to membership in the Association. The new members are:

Louis W. Chicatelli, who both lives & works in the County; sponsor: Anthony Fazzone

Christine Clark, who both lives & works in the County; sponsor: Philip Mueller

Kevin Gallant, who works in the County; sponsor: Joanne Haelen

Amanda Mospan, who works in the County; sponsor: Vince Capasso

Laura L. Silva, who both lives & works in the County; sponsor: Mark Powers

John W. VanDenburgh, who lives in the County; sponsor: Kimberley Kenealy

Christine L. Warren, who works in the County; sponsor: Richard Reisman

PRESENTATION OF JUDGE LYNCH'S PORTRAIT

John Seebold reported that Judge Lynch's portrait will be unveiled at a ceremony to be held at the Schenectady County Courthouse on October 23, 2001 between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. All are welcome--light refreshments will be served.

RESOLUTION HONORING FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE HOWARD G. MUNSON

At the request of the Onondaga County Bar Association, upon Motion by John Seebold seconded by Chris Galvin, the Membership adopted unanimously the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Honorable Howard G. Munson was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1943 through 1945, participating in the D-Day invasion and receiving the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and four battle stars as he fought through Europe with the 79th Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS: Judge Munson, upon receiving his LL.B. degree from the Syracuse University College of Law in 1952, joined the Hiscock, Cowie, Bruce, Lee and Mawhinney law firm in Syracuse, New York, where he had a distinguished career as a trial lawyer; and

WHEREAS: Judge Munson was twice elected to the Syracuse Board of Education in 1965 and 1969, serving for two years as its president, chaired the Ethics Committee for the Onondaga County Legislature; and has been a Board Member of the Onondaga County District Attorney's Advisory council as well as a member of the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Commission of the Aging; and

WHEREAS: On November 5, 1976, Judge Munson took the oath of office as a United States District Court Judge for the Northern District of New York and then became Chief Judge on June 30, 1980, serving in that capacity until June 30, 1988; on November 5, 1990, he took the status of Senior Judge, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Schenectady County Bar Association pauses in its proceedings on this 20th day of September 2001 to honor Howard G. Munson, Senior United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, recognizing his outstanding contributions to the citizens of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED: that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Howard G. Munson. The Onondaga County Bar Association will host a dinner on November 16 honoring Judge Munson's 25 years of service on the Federal Bench. President Burke will attend as a representative of this Association.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The New York State Unified Court System is offering a legal internship program in the courts for attorneys admitted less than 3 years; interested attorneys were advised to contact President Burke for details.

The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York is looking for a staff attorney; interested attorneys were advised to contact President Burke for details.

President Burke receives 5 to 6 calls a week from people seeking referrals. These are clients who expect to pay for legal services, and would like to find Schenectady attorneys. In order to make this happen, President Burke will develop his own referral list of those attorneys interested in being included in their areas of practice. He distributed a sign up sheet for this purpose, which also included a list of committees. President Burke asked that all members of the Association consider becoming involved in the work of the committees.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Law Day (Michelle Wildgrube)

Planning is under way for the observance of Law Day, May 1, 2002. As part of the events leading up to Law Day, the Committee plans to initiate an "Attorney in the Classroom" program, with volunteer attorneys speaking to students about their work and the profession in general, on request from the school. The program will be limited to middle schools at first, with expansion to high schools and elementary schools anticipated. The Committee will host a dinner at the Glen Sanders Mansion on November 13 to introduce middle school teachers to the program.

Real Estate (Robert Hoffman for chair Larry Naviasky)

Planning is under way for the 21st annual real estate seminar, scheduled for May 16 at the Glen Sanders Mansion. The Committee has met to discuss topics. In addition, the Committee has drafted proposed revisions to the standard Board of Realtors contract for purchase and sale, which it has forwarded to the attorney for the Board of Realtors; the Committee is soliciting participation in this effort from other local bar associations. There's a lot to do—new members would be most welcome.

Pro Bono Matrimonial (Dave Burke)

This very successful program allows attorneys to earn CLE credits through *pro bono* representation. Participants are asked to accept 1 case per year.

Matrimonial (Eric Tepper)

The committee will meet on October 12, and will be addressing, among other issues, the issue of mediation and how to have input into the ultimate decision.

Estate & Elder Law (John Fantauzzi)

Planning is under way for a seminar to be hosted on February 7. The next meeting will be in early October, but the date is not yet set because of schedule disruptions caused by the September 11 disaster.

Criminal Law (Paul Callahan)

The moribund criminal law committee is being revived. Through participation on the Real Estate Committee, chair Paul Callahan has seen how much can be accomplished by committees of this association, and believes there is much that could be done in the area of criminal practice.

President Burke called on Peter V. Coffey for a brief presentation on the unlawful practice of law. Mr. Coffey described the efforts of the New York State Bar Association Committee on the Unlawful Practice of Law to develop a definition of the practice of law, which it has shared with the American Bar Association. He summarized the opinions expressed by certain scholars and commentators, that lawyers, the practice of law, and even much of the court system in America, could be obsolete in the near future, in part because of the growth of multidisciplinary practice. Mr. Coffey urged the members of the Association to be aware of this issue of vital concern to all. Christine Galvin, responding to the presentation, noted that the Capital District Women's Bar Association will offer a seminar on multidisciplinary practice in early December.

There being no additional business to come before the Membership, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted--Kathryn McCary, Secretary

Schenectady County Bar Association
c/o McCary & Huff, LLP
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Scotia, NY 12302

News from the Schenectady County Bar Association, including (but not limited to!)

- Unveiling Judge Lynch's Portrait
- OCA request for comment—letter of engagement
- Goodbye to some longtime colleagues—and welcome to some newcomers
- SCBA contributions for New York City relief

See you all at the Meeting, October 18

*“And do as adversaries do in law,
Strive mightily, but eat and drink as friends.”*

The Taming of the Shrew, 1,ii,281