

PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION - COMMITTEE SUMMER EVENTS



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Above: Roberta (Bobbi) Liebenberg (on left) with Women in the Profession Committee Cochair Niki Ingram at the Women in the Profession Committee Meeting on June 25. Liebenberg is a leading national advocate for the promotion and retention of women in law. Along with her colleague Stephanie Scharf, she presented “WALKING OUT THE DOOR: Why Do Women Leave Big Law?” based upon one of the latest surveys on issues affecting women in the legal profession.

Below: The Large Firm Management Committee held its LFMC City Wide Summer Associates Reception at Water Works on July 10. Connie Lee (far left) and Shonterra Jordan (third from right) were recipients of the Large Firm Management Committee Public Service Award. They are pictured with (left to right) Large Firm Management Committee Cochairs Vince McGinnis (second from left) and Ben Barnett (far right); along with Chancellor Rochelle M. Fedullo (third from left); and Hon. Juan R. Sánchez, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.



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PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION - CHANCELLOR’S FORUM

Chancellor’s Forum: When the Rule of Law Fails

By Felix Yelin

As the nation debated the appropriateness of using Holocaust imagery to discuss detention facilities, the Philadelphia Bar Association and Louis D. Brandeis Law Society presented a special Chancellor’s Forum titled “When the Rule of Law Fails: Lessons of the Holocaust” on June 19. The standing-room-only audience listened to a panel featuring Don Greenbaum, a World War II veteran and concentration camp liberator; Ernest Gross, a Dachau concentration camp survivor; and Justice David N. Wecht of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Association Chancellor Rochelle M. Fedullo, herself the daughter of a Holocaust survivor, introduced the panel.

Greenbaum discussed being under the command of General George Patton’s Third Army in Europe. He landed on Omaha Beach, earned a Purple Heart and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. On April 29, 1945, Greenbaum was part of the division that helped liberate approximately 32,000 prisoners from Germany’s Dachau concentration camp. He encountered a horrible stench emanating from the camp as they approached (which remains in his nostrils to this day) and recalled

seeing the tortured survivors and the piles of dead bodies. Greenbaum avoided talking about his experiences for years until he heard people denying the Holocaust. He was soon introduced to Gross, who thanked Greenbaum for liberating him.

Gross occasionally used humor to avoid breaking down while relaying his emotional tale. He recalled facing anti-Semitism while growing up in a large Romanian family. At 15 years old, he and his family were forced into a ghetto in Hungary for several weeks under squalid conditions. Shortly after, his family was deported to Auschwitz in May 1944. He described seeing his mother and sister for the last time before they were sent to the gas chamber. He had to convincingly lie about his age to a skeptical Nazi guard to avoid death. Gross described working until exhaustion in a labor camp, and learned the need to be selfish with what little food and comforts he had to survive. He was eventually sent to Dachau to be



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Don Greenbaum, Ernest Gross (bottom, left to right) and Judge Wecht, along with (top, left to right) Chancellor Rochelle M. Fedullo, Brandeis Law Society Vice Chancellor Felix Yelin and Bar Association Secretary and Brandeis Law Society Chancellor Jennifer S. Coatsworth at the Chancellor’s Forum on June 19.

executed. Fortunately, he was liberated almost immediately. Today, he strives to make people smile.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Justice Wecht outlined the key Nazi regime figures who helped effectuate their genocidal policies, often using legal mechanisms (most were developed and imple-

mented by lawyers). He spoke passionately about the rise of anti-Semitism found within the extremes of the left and right. Justice Wecht was married at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, the location of the October 2018 hate crime where 11 people were killed and six injured after a gun man opened fire. He said that this

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connection reignited his realization of the continued rise of anti-Semitism.

The audience was given the opportunity to ask the panelists questions. William Fedullo, Chancellor Fedullo's husband and a former association Chancellor himself, spoke tearfully about the rise of modern anti-Semitism and the continuing need to learn about the Holocaust. Others raised questions about the rule of law, the rise of extreme political movements and sought additional advice.

Greenbaum and Gross said they frequently tell their tales to ensure the horrors of the Holocaust are not forgotten. With anti-Semitism on the rise, they worry about an imminent future where nobody will be alive to serve as a first-hand witness the Holocaust's horrors.

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dealing with third-party payers, the panelists said that it is key to comply with and follow reimbursement rules to avoid criminal liability and potential take backs from

Medicare and Medicaid.

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tification of the order, it is necessary to timely file a petition for review with the Superior Court, asserting that the trial court erred and that the order is, in fact, interlocutory. From 2014-2016, the Superior Court granted 12% of petitions for permission to appeal where the trial court certified the order as interlocutory, as compared to granting just 4% of petitions for review.

Judge McLaughlin said that including upcoming court dates in family cases (of which appeals concerning children are accelerated in Superior Court) could encourage a determination within that period. Separately, now that non-

published Superior Court memoranda may be cited as persuasive authority, both judges said that they each gave great weight to unpublished memoranda cited in an appeal, particularly where the cases are factually similar. On the subject of oral argument, the judges pointed out that there is no difference between the consideration given by the court in standard versus expedited oral arguments, but each is a great opportunity.

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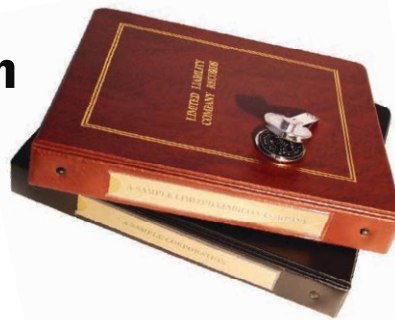
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