

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

New York Law School

Book Event: Hate: Why We Should Resist It With Free Speech, Not Censorship
by Nadine Strossen, Professor of Law and Former ACLU President
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
New York Law School
Rooftop Terrace and Lounge
185 West Broadway (between Worth and Leonard Streets)
Contact: Liz Thomas / Brian Kaszuba, New York Law School communications@nyls.edu
212-431-2872

New York City Bar (CLE)

New Jersey Bridge-The-Gap: Satisfy the Mandatory 15 Credits and More (Day 2)
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
8 CLE Credits
42 West 44th Street
Contact: Rosan Dacres
212-382-6630
rdacres@nycbar.org

New York City Bar (Non CLE)

Freelance Isn't Free
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
42 West 44th Street
Register: www.nycbar.org
Together United: Expanding the Scope of Restorative Justice
6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
42 West 44th Street
Register: www.nycbar.org

NYCLA (CLE)

Why Did We Agree to This? How to Avoid 9 Common Pitfalls When Negotiating a Commercial Lease
[LIVE OR WEBINAR]
2 CLE credits
6 p.m.–8 p.m.
14 Vesey St
2nd Floor Auditorium

Practising Law Institute

Psychological Issues in the Workplace
12:30 p.m.–5 p.m.
1177 Avenue of the Americas
www.pli.edu/PsychologicalW18

Nassau Community College

The Best Fields for Law Jobs
On WHPC 90.3 FM radio
3 p.m.
(repeated 7 a.m. on Sunday)
Voicestream: ncc.edu/whpc
For podcasts search WHPC on iTunes

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Practising Law Institute

Bankruptcy & Reorganizations
9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Day 1)
9 a.m.–4:45 p.m. (Day 2)
1177 Avenue of the Americas
www.pli.edu/BankR18

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Jewish Lawyers Guild and the Gender Fairness Committee of Supreme Court, New York County

Holocaust Remembrance Program
4:45 p.m.–6 p.m..
The Rotunda at the Supreme Court, New York County
60 Centre Street
Keynote Speaker Menachem Z. Rosensaft, General Counsel, World Jewish Congress
For more information: Justice Martin Shulman at 646-386-5687 or MShulman@nycourts.gov or Priva Simon at 646-386-4696 or PSimon@nycourts.gov

Nassau County Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts

Seminar: "Taking Charge of Your Financial Wellness"
12:30 p.m.–2 p.m.
Nassau Supreme Court
100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola
Topics Include: Planning for Retirement, New Tax Law, When to Take Social Security Benefits and more. Discussions will be led by Gary Schwartz and Rochelle Odesser of the Madison Planning Group.

AmTrust Title Insurance Company

Women's Summit
Featuring Two Panels: "The Outlook and Forecast for Commercial Real Estate," and "Breaking the Mold: Building Tomorrow's Leaders."
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
The Graduate Center of CUNY
365 Fifth Avenue
The first panel, Proceeds will go to WIN, a non-profit dedicated to helping homeless women and their children.
For information and tickets: AmTrustTitleEvents@amtrust-group.com or 212-499-0100.

NY Law School (CLE)

IP Master Class: Fashion and Fair Use
12:45 p.m.–1:45 p.m.
(Free, lunch provided)
RSVP: joseph.forgione@nyls.edu
1 CLE credit

Nassau County Bar (CLE)

The Best Advice I Ever Got: Practicing in District Court
5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m., 1.5 CLE credits
15th & West Streets
Mineola
Contact: Valerie M. Zurblis
516-747-4070 x204
vzurblis@nassaubar.org

Federal Bar Council

Trial Advocacy Training for Pro Bono Lawyers
9:15 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
6.5 CLE credits
Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, Room 850
www.federalbarcouncil.org/
FBC/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=CL426

New York City Bar (CLE)

Cooperatives, Condominiums & Other Residential Real Estate Contracts & Leases: Using, Drafting & Negotiating Riders
6 p.m.–8:15 p.m., 2.5 CLE Credits
42 West 44th Street
Contact: Rosan Dacres
212-382-6630
rdacres@nycbar.org

Secrets of the Masters: The Five

Habits of Successful Business Development
8:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m.
No CLE credit offered
42 West 44th Street
Contact: Rosan Dacres
212-382-6630
rdacres@nycbar.org

New York City Bar (Non CLE)

Regulatory Future of Marihuana Laws in New York State
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
42 West 44th Street
Register: www.nycbar.org
Agricultural Pesticides: Who, What, When, Where, Why & What to Do About It
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
42 West 44th Street
Register: www.nycbar.org

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (CLE)

Seminar: "Risky Business: Financing and Distributing Your Independent Film"
An all-day seminar with entertainment attorney Mark Litwak on the legal and financial intricacies of successfully producing an independent film.
9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
7 CLE credits
Lunch will be provided.
Contact: Anastasia Kambanis,
212-319-2787 Ext. 12
Email: akambanis@vlny.org

New York City Bar (CLE)

Current Issues in Insurance Regulation 2018
8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
Program 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
4 CLE Credits
42 West 44th Street
Contact: Rosan Dacres
212-382-6630
rdacres@nycbar.org

Practising Law Institute

30th Annual Elder Law Institute
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
1177 Avenue of the Americas
www.pli.edu/ElderInst18

FRIDAY, APRIL 27–

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

NYCLA (CLE)

41st Annual Civil Trial Practice Institute: A Bridge the Gap for Litigators*
16 CLE credits, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
14 Vesey St
2nd Floor Auditorium

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Jewish Lawyers' Association of Nassau County

Lecture: Nazi's, Nuremberg and the Rule of Law: Some Enduring Lessons for Lawyers Today
6 p.m.
Nassau County Bar Association
Contact Lawrence Schaffer
516-993-9669 or Leslie Tayne at ltayne@taynelaw.com

New York City Bar (CLE)

Hot Topics in NY Antitrust: Class Certification and Fraud-Based Antitrust Investigations
6 p.m.–9 p.m., 3 CLE Credits
42 West 44th Street
Contact: Rosan Dacres
212-382-6630
rdacres@nycbar.org

New York City Bar (Non CLE)

Applying the Fourth Amendment to New Technology
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
42 West 44th Street
Register: www.nycbar.org
Advancing Environmental Equity in New York City
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
42 West 44th Street
Register: www.nycbar.org
Taking a Knee: Legal Implications of Athlete Political and Social Activism
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
42 West 44th Street
Register: www.nycbar.org

NY Law School (CLE)

Examining the Intersection of Bioethics and the Law in 2018
6:0 p.m.–8 p.m. (Free)
RSVP: www.nyls.edu/pegalislecture
2 CLE credits

Queens County Bar (CLE)

CLE: NYC, DSS: Lien Recovery
6 p.m.–8 p.m.
2 CLE credits
90-35 148th St., Jamaica
Contact: 718-291-4500 x 232 or cle@qcba.org

Practising Law Institute

Financial Services Technology: Avoidance of Risk
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
1177 Avenue of the Americas
www.pli.edu/FinServT18

Investment Management Institute

8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
1177 Avenue of the Americas
www.pli.edu/InvestMG18

TUESDAY, MAY 1

NY Law School (CLE)

France and the U.S.: Tax Law Perspectives on Choice of Entity in Light of U.S. Tax Reform
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.
(Free)
RSVP: www.nyls.edu/taxlawrsvp
1.5 CLE credits

Practising Law Institute

Fashion and Retail Law 2018
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
1177 Avenue of the Americas
www.pli.edu/FashionRL18

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

NYCLA

54th Charles Evans Hughes Memorial Lecture
6 p.m.–8 p.m.
14 Vesey St
2nd Floor Auditorium

Practising Law Institute

Leveraged Financing 2018
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
1177 Avenue of the Americas
www.pli.edu/LevFin18

Anderson Kill. P.C.

Employment Law Seminar: "#YouToo: What to do? How Employers can Handle #MeToo claims
2:30 P.M.-5 P.M.
The University Club,
One West 54th Street
Room 2, 9th Floor, Fee: \$25
Register: www.andersonkill.com/Event-Details/EventId/1202

Nassau County Bar (CLE)

Meredith v. Fair: A Re-Enactment of the Landmark Decision
Presentation 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m..
Reception 7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m..
Program is free to attend.
Optional 2 CLE credits in professional practice available for purchase of \$50.
Contact: 516-747-4070 info@nassaubar.org

Nassau Community College

Ageism and the Law
On WHPC 90.3 FM radio
3 p.m.
(repeated 7 a.m. on Sunday)
Voicestream: ncc.edu/whpc
For podcasts search WHPC on iTunes

THURSDAY, MAY 3

NYCLA (CLE)

Cryptocurrency and the Law [Rescheduled from March 21]
2 CLE credits, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
14 Vesey St
2nd Floor Auditorium

NY Law School

The 15th Annual Tax Lawyering Workshop: Truth and Transparency in Tax Practice
8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
(Free, breakfast and lunch provided)
RSVP: www.nyls.edu/taxRSVP
5.5 CLE credits
The Future of Housing Court
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
(\$15 general admission, tuition assistance available)
RSVP: www.nyls.edu/Impact-Thursdays
1.5 CLE credits

Practising Law Institute

Pretrial Practice 2018
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
1177 Avenue of the Americas
www.pli.edu/PretrialPr18

Queens County Bar

Annual Dinner, Installation of Officers and Managers
5:30–9 p.m.
Terrace on the Park, Queens
718-291-4500 / cle@qcba.org

Nassau County Bar (CLE)

Dean's Hour: Drafting, Funding and Properly Maintaining an ILIT & SNT
Sign-in and Networking: 12:30 Program: 1 p.m.–2 p.m.
1 CLE credit
15th and West Streets, Mineola
516-747-4070
academy@nassaubar.org

Off the Front

City Judge

« Continued from page 1

requires all judges to respect and comply with the law, to preside fairly and without even the appearance of bias, and to obey court orders when they themselves are litigants," said Robert Tembeckjian, the conduct commission's administrator and counsel, in a news release. "Regrettably, Judge Astacio failed to uphold each of these principles. Her behavior has undermined trust in the administration of justice, which we hope in some measure to restore with this decision to remove her from office."

Astacio can appeal the commission's finding to the state Court of Appeals, which on April 11 suspended Astacio with pay.

Astacio's lawyer, Robert Julian of the Law Offices of Robert F. Julian, said that he and his client are reviewing the commission's

determination to decide their next steps, but declined to comment further.

"Our case is with the Court of Appeals, not the court of public opinion," Julian said.

In a statement issued on Thursday, state Supreme Court Justice Craig Doran, the administrative judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, which includes Rochester, said that, for the last two years, "one matter has overwhelmingly dominated the public's attention" — apparently referring to Astacio — while hundreds of judges in his jurisdiction have gone about "quietly and diligently upholding the law."

"This has been an unfortunate distraction from the critically important work done, on a regular basis, by the highly competent and caring judges and court staff serving the people of this community," Doran said.

Tembeckjian discussed the commission's findings in Astacio's case

in a news conference and also used the appearance to address public concern about the length of time that the judge has been allowed to stay in office and the limitations placed on his office to adjudicate and publicly discuss disciplinary matters.

Specifically, he said the commission is hindered in its work by dealing with a rising tide of complaints against judges with an ever-dwindling staff: When the commission was launched in 1978, he said, it had more than 60 staff members dealing with about 700 complaints each year.

Now, Tembeckjian said, there are fewer than 40 staffers handling more than 2,000 complaints each year.

"All New Yorkers should be concerned when their ethics entities are underfunded," Tembeckjian said.

@ Andrew Denney can be reached at adenney@alm.com. Twitter: @messagetime

Paintings

« Continued from page 1

perhaps at gunpoint, to sign a power of attorney over his possessions to his wife. Ramos also cited the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act, adopted by Congress in 2016, and allowed it to guide him when considering the plaintiffs' evidentiary arguments that Grünbaum had rightfully owned the paintings.

Still, in his decision, Ramos did not specify when or how the transfer of the paintings should happen, leaving it instead to the parties to "settle an order" transferring title.

The plaintiffs and heirs, Timothy Reif, David Fraenkel and Milos Vavra, in turn filed a proposed

order with Ramos requesting that he direct the paintings be sent to Christie's. The heirs' intent, according to Raymond Dowd, their lawyer, is to auction off the paintings in November, shortly after the Oct. 31 anniversary of Schiele's death.

Together the early 20th century paintings are worth more than \$5 million, Dowd has said.

But Nagy, a London-based art dealer, lodged his own proposed order saying that as long as an appeal of Ramos' conveyance ruling was timely filed, the paintings should remain with artwork transporter Dietl International, which is storing them.

Ramos has yet to rule on the proposed orders.

In an interview Monday, Stautber, a Nixon Peabody partner, also

pointed out that his clients will soon appeal the April 5 ruling to the Appellate Division, First Department, and that "a notice of appeal should, in the normal course, stay [Ramos'] underlying" ruling—and, accordingly, that should trump any ruling related to the proposed orders.

Dowd, a Dunnington, Bartholow & Miller partner in Manhattan, noted that his parties' proposed order also requests an inquest of damages pursuant to Ramos' finding that the paintings were wrongfully converted by Nagy. He said such damages, which include attorney fees, could run in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

@ Jason Grant can be reached at jgrant@alm.com. Twitter: @JasonBarrGrant

Gun Licensing

« Continued from page 1

meals, a \$8,500 wrist watch and over \$2,000 in cash, among other bribes, prosecutors said.

In exchange, Villanueva used the power of his position to the benefit of Chambers' clients. When Chambers' clients were subject to investigations over domestic incidents, accidental firearm discharges, or other situations that could have resulted in the suspension or revocation of their license, the investigations would close quicker, with better outcomes—even if the appropriate result should have been the loss of the license, prosecutors argued. Even when

suspensions occurred, Villanueva would make sure they were shorter. Renewals were expedited. Upgrades to full concealed-carry licenses would go through without the proper papers to justify the action.

Gallet Dreyer & Berkey partner Roger Stavis, Chambers' trial counsel, described the trial as being "very hard-fought" but with a verdict he and his client were "obviously disappointed in."

"We look forward to taking the case up on appeal," he said.

Chambers' trial is part of a larger set of arrests connected to bribery at the NYPD gun permit licensing division that stretches from the Orthodox Jewish community in Brooklyn to de Blasio. Villanueva, another former mem-

ber of the police department, an Orthodox volunteer safety patrol member and a gun store owner were arrested for their parts in the broader scheme in June 2016. Some of those defendants have pleaded guilty, including Villanueva, who testified for the government against Chambers.

They're just a few of the people arrested in the sprawling corruption situation that includes other former police department officials, as well as a former fundraiser for the mayor, Jona Reznitz, who's pleaded guilty to related charges and served as a cooperating witness for the government in other cases.

@ B. Colby Hamilton can be reached at chamilton@alm.com. Twitter: @bcolbyhamilton

Ballan

« Continued from page 1

said he anticipates his clients will join him at Cozen O'Connor.

At Cozen O'Connor, "there is a bigger and broader public finance practice," including full-time tax specialists and other experts who work with the practice, he said. Altogether, Cozen O'Connor's public finance practice has about 10 full-time attorneys, he said.

Ballan is the most recent public finance attorney to leave Dentons after a group of public finance attorneys in other offices left last year. Ballan said he and Senzer, who was counsel at Dentons and joins Cozen O'Connor as of counsel, were the only full-time public finance attorneys in Dentons' New York office.

Ballan is one of several legacy McKenna Long & Aldridge partners to leave Dentons this year, after

the McKenna-Dentons merger in 2015. As reported by ALM affiliate Daily Report, some exits this year follow the expiration of a "commitment agreement" that legacy McKenna equity partners signed before the merger with Dentons. Under the agreement, legacy McKenna partners would have forfeited their capital contribution if they left for another firm before 2018.

While that agreement "had an effect on my former colleagues," Ballan noted his departure is in late April and the arrangement "wasn't an impetus to my departure or the timing of it." He added, "you have to give a place a couple years to give it a fair evaluation."

Ballan said his move away from Dentons was not acrimonious. He said he thinks highly of the firm and he "looks forward to collaborating with Dentons whenever possible."

A Dentons spokesman did not immediately respond to a request

for comment on Ballan's exit.

Ballan is currently director of the State of New York Mortgage Agency. He previously served as a board member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority of New York, chairman of the Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York; and chairman of the New York State Public Asset Fund. He was also a member of the New York State Watershed Protection and Partnership Council, a board member of the New York City Environmental Control Board, and a board member of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corp.

Ballan said his significant experience serving on boards of agencies "allows me to understand the issues in government and in boards," which strengthens his public finance practice.

@ Christine Simmons can be contacted at csimmons@alm.com. Twitter: @chsimmons.

Data Sharing

« Continued from page 1

of sealed records violates a law that protects privacy and the presumption of innocence. We seek to enforce the law and end an NYPD practice that places people of color at risk of heightened surveillance and harsher punishment based merely on allegations."

A spokesman for the city's Law Department said in a brief state-

ment that it would review the suit and respond in litigation.

New York's sealing statute, contained within Criminal Procedure Law §160, was later expanded to include defendants convicted of noncriminal offenses.

The statute requires law enforcement agencies to seal records of arrests that did not result in convictions and destroy or return photographs and fingerprints taken in the commission of those arrests.

Law enforcement agencies are required to get a court order to retain the information from arrests that do not ultimately turn out a conviction, the suit alleged, but the NYPD has failed to do so.

Over the last four years, the suit stated, the department has made 1.1 million arrests, of which more than 750,000 were for misdemeanors.

@ Andrew Denney can be reached at adenney@alm.com. Twitter: @messagetime

To Run Your Ad In One of Our
New York Law Journal

Litigation

Tabloid Pull-Out Sections

please contact: **Carlos Curbelo**

phone: **(305) 347-6647**

ccurbelo@alm.com