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General Membership Meeting Friday, March 16, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

The general membership meeting of the Advocates Society will be on Friday, March 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Copernicus Foundation Annex. The Foundation is located at 5216 W. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, 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. After the meeting there will be a delicious buffet supper from Kasia's Polish Deli. The CLE presentation will focus on using technology in the courtroom. If you plan to attend, please call **Michele Hendrickson** at (847) 823-5517 and leave a message so that we know how much food to order.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws has proposed several amendments to the Constitution. **These proposed amendments will be placed on the agenda for approval by the General Membership at the March, 16, 2012 meeting.** The proposed amendments will be to **Article V. Officers and Board of Governors, Section 4. Duties of Officers,** and **Article VII. Committees.** The full text of the proposed amendments is available on the website at www.advocatesociety.com and hardcopies will be available for review before the general membership meeting on March 16, 2012.

CLE program: “Elder Law Practice in the Circuit Court of Cook County: The New Elder Law and Miscellaneous Remedies Division of the Circuit Court”

Advocates Society is a co-sponsor of the March 22 and 23 CLE program “Elder Law Practice in the Circuit Court of Cook County: The New Elder Law and Miscellaneous Remedies Division of the Circuit Court”. This intensive two-day elder law seminar will offer plenary and breakout sessions on a myriad of subjects that elder law attorneys encounter, including: guardianship, ethics, abuse, litigation issues, fiduciary and case manager duties, discrimination, nursing home and long term care issues, and various consumer issues. General information is below and registration and additional information can be found at www.chicagobar.org/elderlaw.

Date: March 22-23, 2012

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Plenary Sessions – James R. Thompson Center, Assembly Hall Auditorium
100 West Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601

Break Out Sessions – Richard J. Daley Center and James R. Thompson Center, room designations TBA
50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL 60602

Cost: \$30

April General Membership Meeting Thursday, April 26, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Polish Highlanders’ House

The April meeting of the Advocates Society will take place on April 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Polish Highlanders’ House. The Polish Highlanders’ House is located at 4808 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, Illinois. The Advocates Society appreciates the gracious hospitality of the Polish Highlanders’ Alliance of North America. Advocates Society members are invited to bring guests to the April 26, 2012 General Meeting for a charge of \$15 per guest to cover the cost of the food. This \$15 fee will be waived for any guest who is eligible to and does submit a membership application the night of the meeting.

If you plan to attend, please call **Michele Hendrickson** at (847) 823-5517 and leave a message so that we know how much food to order.

Condolences

We regret to inform you of the passing of Genevieve Kobelinski, mother of Gregg Kobelinski, Managing Director at Copernicus Foundation. Mrs. Kobelinsk was a member of Copernicus Foundation, Polish Museum of America, Polish Women's Civic Club, Sauganash Women's Club, PNA Seniors, Queen of All Saints Women's Auxiliary, Over 50 Club, and Ridgemoor Country Club. Please keep the Kobelinski family in your prayers.

Polish Constitution Day Parade

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 5, 2012** and join us for the Polish Constitution Day Parade! In keeping with our annual tradition, the Advocates Society will be represented in the parade by our members, friends and families. To ride on our float, please meet at the float by 10:30 a.m.

Yes, you read it correctly, this year we will have a **float**, not a **trolly** in the parade. As always, we invite the Polish American Law Students Association (PALSA) of John Marshall and all future Advocates Society Leaders to join us. Please show your support for the Advocates by bringing your friends, family and colleagues to join the Advocates Society celebration of the Polish Constitutional Day!

Please contact **Steve Rakowski** at 847-204-4106 with any questions, or to confirm your attendance.

Congratulations, Megan Kaszubinski Ferraro!

The Advocates Society is proud to announce that its own past President, Megan Kaszubinski Ferraro, has been promoted to Senior Counsel for Hyatt Corporation. Her promotion was based not only on years of diligent service, but also due to her expertise in the ever-changing e-discovery process. She has even been named to the Seventh Circuit E-Discovery Committee to develop principles used in e-discovery to guide electronic discovery in court. Well done, Megan!

PAPA Annual Banquet

The Polish American Police Association of Chicago and Illinois will hold its 48th Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, May 4th, 2012. Please contact Marilyn Mazewski at joecity@chicagonet.net for more information. Many Advocates Members always attend this event and have a great time!

Dues Announcement

In order to remain in good standing **all dues payments must be received by May 1, 2012**. You may mail your dues check to Advocates Society, attention: **Treasurer Kristen Kozlowski, P.O. Box 641883, Chicago, Illinois 60664**. Dues are \$150 for attorneys who have been admitted to the Bar for 5 years or more, \$75 for members who have been admitted to the Bar less than 5 years, and \$30 for law students.

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2012 Calendar of Advocates Society Events

If you have a potential newsletter item, please forward it to Kathy Wantuch, Hiltz & Wantuch LLC, 53 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 205, Chicago, Illinois 60604, or contact her at kwantuch@hiltzlaw.com.

March 16, 2012	Friday	General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
April 13, 2012	Friday	Board of Governors' Meeting
April 26, 2012	Thursday	General Meeting at Polish Highlanders' 4808 S. Archer Ave., Chicago
May 5, 2012	Saturday	Polish Constitution Day Parade
May 10, 2012	Thursday	Board of Governors' Meeting
June 1, 2012	Friday	General Meeting at Polish Consulate
July 14, 2012	Saturday	Summer Family BBQ
July 25-29, 2012		National Advocates, Traverse City, MI
September 6, 2012	Thursday	Board of Governors' Meeting
September 21, 2012	Friday	General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago

Amicus Poloniae Legal Clinic

5711 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL
Saturday, March 17, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 21, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Call (773) 763-8520 for more information.