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April General Membership Meeting Thursday, April 14, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the Polish Highlanders' House

The April meeting of the Advocates Society will take place on April 14, 2011 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 14, 2011 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 **Regina Rathnau** at (773) 495-0217 and leave a message so that we know how much food to order.

The featured speaker for this meeting is Advocates Society member **George Bellas** of **Bellas & Wachowski**. Mr. Bellas was named one of 2011 Illinois "Super Lawyers". Mr. Bellas has been involved in many complex commercial and business lawsuits as well as class actions, mass torts and SUV rollover cases. We will apply for MCLE credit for this presentation.

Annual Cubs v. White Sox Outings

Maureen Pikarski has secured tickets for the Advocates Society for Cubs v. White Sox game on Tuesday, **June 21st at 7:10 p.m.** Cost per ticket is \$70.00. Tickets are located in Box 530. Tickets are still available. However, there is a limited quantity of tickets so first come first serve. If you would like to purchase tickets for the June 21st game, please contact Maureen Pikarski at either **(312) 521-7004** or **mpikarski@gordonpikarski.com**. To secure your reservation payment in full must be sent to Maureen immediately after writing or calling her with your reservation. Checks should be sent to Maureen at: Gordon and Pikarski, Suite 1800, 303 W. Madison Str., Chicago, Illinois 60606. If your payment is not received in full after your reservation, the tickets will be given to the next person on the wait list.

ISBA Elections

The Illinois State Bar Association elections are underway. Please support our fellow Advocates!

Polish Constitution Day Parade

Advocates Society Congratulates **Ted Makarewicz**, the Grand Marshall of the 2011 Polish Constitution Day Parade! Please mark your calendars for **May 7, 2011** 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 **trolley** in the parade. Likewise, our Grand Marshal, Ted chose the Advocates float to be one of the first floats in the parade as his sponsoring organization. Thanks Ted! 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!

Also, we also have a **limited number** of Advocates Society long-sleeved t-shirts for sale for \$20. Please support the Advocates and purchase a t-shirt either at the next meeting or at the parade!

Please contact **Alexander Fiedotjew** at (312) 218-4175 with any questions, or to confirm your attendance.



**Congratulations Ted Makarewicz the Grand Marshall of the
Polish Constitution Day Parade!**

DUES NOTICE

In order to remain in good standing **all dues payments must be received by May 1, 2011**. You may mail your dues check to Advocates Society, attention: **Treasurer Kristen Kozlowski, P.O. Box 641883, Chicago, Illinois 60664**. If paid by May 1, 2010, 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. You may pay by credit card via paypal.

PAPA Annual Banquet

The Polish American Police Association of Chicago and Illinois will hold its 47th Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, May 6, 2011 from 7:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. at the White Eagle Banquets and Restaurant, located at 6831 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL. PAPA will honor Captain Joseph J. Gorzkowski, Chicago Police Department 015 District, and Jack Skaja, of Skaja Funeral Homes. Officer Marek Drozd, of the Chicago Police Department, will also receive the Illinois State Bar Association's Law Enforcement Award. Tickets are \$65 each and may be purchased from **Marilyn Mazewski** at **(773) 763-3080**.

WBAI's 96th Annual Swearing In Ceremony

The Women's Bar Association of Illinois is having their 96th annual swearing in ceremony on June 9th, 2011 at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave. Advocates member **Karina Zabicki DeHayes** will be sworn in as 1st Vice President. **Maureen Pikarski** is putting an Advocates Society table together so that we can show our support for Karina. If you are interested in attending this event and sitting with your fellow Advocates Society members please contact Maureen at mpikarski@gordonpikarski.com or **(312) 521-7004**.

Thank You

The Advocates Society thanks Izabella Stralka, Jan Strzalka, and Joan Smuda for the displays they prepared celebrating Advocates Society's 80th Anniversary and Installation. Thank you!

Advocates Society Welcomes New Members

The Advocates welcomes and publishes the following members found fit for membership by the Board of Governors:

Laura Lechowicz Felicion of
Cook County Board- Office of the President

John J. Kurowski of Kurowski of
Baily & Shultz, LLC

Anna Spears of
Law offices of Anna Spears

Aleksandra Strzelecki,
a John Marshall Law Student



Thank You for Stepping up to the Plate!

This year many Advocates have stepped up to the plate and agreed to take on a committee chairperson position. This month Matt Sidor has really shined in his work with assisting other Board Members and helping with the organization of the Parade float. Matthew A. Sidor is Chair of the Membership Committee of the Advocates Society. The Membership Committee is tasked with seeking and soliciting new members, and receiving and processing applications for membership in accordance with Article III of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Advocates Society. The current Membership Committee has begun working with current members, local law schools and third party organizations in pursuit of new membership, and the further development of opportunities available existing Chicago Advocates Society members in order to promote continued involvement. Matt indicates that the Membership Committee will further present the Advocates Society Board with proposals pertaining to alternate advertising and direct marketing of the Advocates Society to prospective members. Thanks for all of your help, Matt!

National Advocates Society

The National Advocates Society (NAS) has extended free membership and waiver of the initiation fee for Advocates Society members who join the National Advocates Society in 2011. The NAS was established in 1933 to encourage fellowship among the members of the Bar in the United States of Polish Descent. For more information please contact **Tom Pikarski** at **(312) 521-7004**.

Pro-bono superstar

Member Jan Strzalka is planning to participate in an expungement summit with the James B. Moran Justice Center. She is a regular volunteer at the organization and is actively looking for participants to this good cause. The goal of the initiative is to (1) educate residents about the importance of expunging or sealing an arrest and/or criminal record and (2) improve educational, employment and housing opportunities for residents by sealing or expunging eligible records. The initiative will culminate with a community-wide Expo on expungement and sealing on May 21, 2011. For more information, please contact cdonley@moran-center.org or call 847.492.1410.

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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.

- April 14, 2011, General Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Polish Highlanders', 4808 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL 60632.
- April 29, 2011, Friday, Board of Governors' Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Tentative).
- May 7, 2011, Saturday, Polish Constitution Day Parade, Columbus Drive, Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois.
- May 20, 2011, Friday, General Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Polish Consulate, 1530 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Amicus Poloniae Legal Clinic

5711 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL
Saturday, April 16, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 21, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Call (773) 763-8520 for more information.