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General Membership Meeting Friday, September 21, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

The general membership meeting of the Advocates Society will be on Friday, September 21, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Copernicus Foundation, **in the NEW ANNEX just east of the main entrance**. The Foundation is located at 5216 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 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. Our own, **Mike Pieczonka** will present a CLE on taxation. 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.

Judges' Night, Polish Museum of America

The Annual Judges' Night is scheduled for Wednesday, **October 17, 2012** at the **Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL**. Those interested in making a donation or sponsorship options should contact **Michele Hendrickson** at (847) 823-5517 by September 22, 2012. Volunteers are needed. We call on all Advocates Society members to volunteer for a portion of the event. Cost will be \$20.00 for dues paying members and additional guests, and \$40.00 for non dues paying members. Judges, as always, are free.

Dues Reminder

You may mail your dues check to Advocates Society, attention: **Treasurer Kristen Kozlowski, P.O. Box 641045, 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.

New Members

The Advocates Society is pleased to announce that **BETH SLOMSKI, ARTHUR GOTFRYD, ANDREA SCHLEIFER, IDALIA WALO, MALGORZATA BEREZIEWICZ, CATHERINE GRUSZKA, and KATHERINE LATUSZEK** have applied for membership. Their applications have been approved by the Board and will be presented to the membership at the September meeting. We look forward to welcoming them to our organization!

Advocates Scholarship Fundraiser

Mark your calendars! The annual scholarship fundraiser will be hosted **November 9, 2012** at **The Parthenon Restaurant** located at **314 S. Halsted, Chicago, IL 60661**, (312) 726-2407. The fundraiser will offer a silent auction and the proceeds will benefit the **NEW Advocates scholarship fund** for law students of Polish descent. **Alex Fiedotjew** is currently looking for silent auction items, so please contact him at **(773) 286-8275**, or **alexzf@afzlaw.com** with items you would like to donate (e.g., tickets to events, gift certificates, books, bottles of wine, etc.). Solicitation letters for donations will be mailed shortly. Please think about potential donations. Cost will be \$100.00 per person, and includes an open bar and free valet parking. **A great night will be enjoyed by all!**

Taste of Polonia - Thank You!

Thank you to **Joanna Kellogg, Aga Malicka, Jan Strzalka, Regina Rathnau, Steve Rakowski, Kasia Kazmarczak**, (all pictured below), **Marta Almodovar, and Joan Smuda**, for volunteering at Taste of Polonia at the Copernicus Center this past Labor Day weekend. Your help is much appreciated!



Advocates Society Elections 2012

Please be advised that Advocates Society Officer elections will take place at the end of this year. If you intend to run or wish to join the Advocates Society Board of Governors, please indicate your interest at the September Meeting. The Nominating Committee will prepare a report and the election of officers will occur at the December, meeting, pursuant to notice as provided in the Constitution. The Nominating Committee will announce the candidates for 2012-2013 officers, which have been approved by the Board of Governors at the meeting. Candidates may also be nominated by a written petition signed by at least 10 members, stating the name of the candidate and the office sought. The nominating petition(s) must be submitted to either the President or the Secretary by October 31, 2012.

Advocates Society Annual Blackhawks Outing!!!

The Advocates Society is organizing a group outing to a Chicago Blackhawks hockey game vs. the Calgary Flames. The event will take place on Sunday, **December 16th** at **6:00 p.m.** Tickets are located in the club level. The cost is \$120.00 per person. Please contact Maureen Pikarski at mpikarski@gordonpikarski.com. Please note that there is a potential NHL lockout for the upcoming season. Shall the purchased tickets be changed to a new date, the Advocates will be bumped as a group to a new date in 2013.

Congratulations

The North Suburban Bar Association hosted their annual Installation and Awards Dinner on September 11, 2012 at the North Shore Country Club in Glenview, Illinois. Advocates member **Anna P. Krolikowska** was sworn in the President of the NSBA. Congratulations! Below photograph are **Agata Musial, Regina Rathnau, Anna P. Krolikowska, Kristen Kozlowski and Ann Melichar.**



Summer Reception

On August 13, 2012 the Advocates Society hosted its' second President's Awards Dinner at Kiki's Bistro located at 900 N. Franklin, Chicago, Illinois, www.kikisbistro.com. On behalf of the Advocates' Society **President Regina Rathnau**, presented the President's Awards to the Honorable **Timothy C. Evans**, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

The Advocates Society appreciates the gracious hospitality of Advocates Society's member, **Denise Staniec**, and the tireless work of the mistress of ceremonies, **Marta Almodovar**. Below photographs are **Regina Rathnau, Timothy C. Evans, Marta Almodovar, Kristen Kozlowski** (on left), and **Timothy C. Evans and Denise Staniec** (on right.)



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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.

September 21, 2012	Friday	General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
October 5, 2012	Friday	Board of Governors' Meeting
October 17, 2012	Wed.	Judges Night , Polish Museum of America
November 1, 2012	Thursday	Board of Governors' Meeting
November 9, 2012	Friday	Annual Fundraiser
December 7, 2012	Friday	Board of Governors' Meeting
December 21, 2012	Friday	General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
January 11, 2013	Friday	Board of Governors' Meeting
January 25, 2013	Friday	General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago

Amicus Poloniae Legal Clinic

5711 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL
Saturday, September 15, 2012
Saturday, October 20, 2012
Saturday, November 17, 2012
Saturday, December 15, 2012