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# *September Issue*

## **Membership Meeting Friday, September 16, 2011, 7:00 p.m.**

The next general membership meet of the Advocates Society will be on Friday, September 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Copernicus Foundation, Hall of Kings, Third Floor. 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. **Kathy Wantuch**, of **Hiltz & Wantuch LLC**, will inform us about "Bankruptcy Basics". Advocates will apply for one hour of MCLE credit. After the meeting there will be a delicious buffet supper from Kasia's Polish Deli.

If you plan to attend, please call **Regina Rathnau** at (312) 665-3439 and leave a message so that we know how much food to order. If you are bringing a guest, or have not paid your dues, please pay \$10.00 to Kristen Kozlowski to cover our food costs.

## **Advocates Society Elections 2011**

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 9, 2011, meeting, pursuant to notice as provided in the Constitution. The Nominating Committee will announce the candidates for 2011-2012 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, 2011.

# Advocates Society President's Awards

On **August 1, 2011** the Advocates Society hosted its' first **President's Awards Dinner** at **Kiki's Bistro** located at 900 N. Franklin, Chicago, Illinois, 60610, [www.kikisbistro.com](http://www.kikisbistro.com). On behalf of the Advocates' Society **Justice Aurelia Pucinski**, of the Illinois Appellate Court, presented the President's Awards to the **Honorable Raymond L. Jagielski**, Presiding Judge of the Fifth Municipal District of Cook County, and the **Honorable Moshe Jacobious**, Presiding Judge of the Cook County Chancery Division.

**Honorable Raymond L. Jagielski** obtained his bachelor's degree from Wabash College in 1975. He obtained his J.D. from John Marshall Law School in 1981. Prior to becoming an attorney he worked as a teacher and a football coach. During his legal career he worked as a public defender, and the chair of the Chicago Board of Elections. In 1992 Judge Jagielski was elected to the bench in the Circuit Court of Cook County. From 1992 to 1994 he was a judge in the Fifth Municipal District. He returned to the Fifth Municipal District in 2007 following twelve years as a judge in the County Division. On April 15, 2011 Judge Jagielski was appointed the Presiding Judge of the Fifth Municipal District.

**Honorable Moshe Jacobious**, as the Presiding Judge of the Cook County Chancery Division was instrumental in passage of the foreclosure protection statute. He obtained his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Illinois. Prior to becoming an attorney Judge Jacobious worked as a teacher. He obtained his J.D. from the DePaul University School of Law in 1975. For sixteen years he worked as an attorney for the Illinois Attorney General's Office. In 2000 he became the Presiding Judge of the Domestic Relations Division. In 2010 he became the Presiding Judge of the Cook County Chancery Division.

**The Advocates' Society congratulates both the Honorable Raymond L. Jagielski, and the Honorable Moshe Jacobious. Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of the people of Cook County, and the State of Illinois.**

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**.



Justice Aurelia Pucinski, Honorable Raymond L. Jagielski, Robert Groszek, Marta Almodovar, and Honorable Moshe Jacobious

# Taste of Polonia

## Friday September 2 to Monday September 5, 2011

Taste of Polonia took place from Friday September 2 through Monday, September 5 (Labor Day Weekend) at the Copernicus Foundation. Taste of Polonia is an annual festival of Polish food and culture featuring food, music, games and demonstrations of Polish culture. For more information please visit [www.copernicusfdn.org](http://www.copernicusfdn.org). Traditionally, members of the Advocates Society volunteer to help in recognition of our long-standing relationship with the Copernicus Foundation. It is a lot of fun, and volunteers receive free admission. The Copernicus Foundation thanks all Advocates' Society members who volunteered during Taste of Polonia. We hope to see you again next year!



## The Bohemian Lawyers' Association's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

The Bohemian Lawyers Association of Chicago will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 30, 2011 at the Hilton Chicago Hotel, 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois. The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$250.00 per person. Those interested in attending should contact **R. Terence Kalina**, at (630) 668-8500.

## Congratulations

Advocates' Society congratulates, **Agnes Ptasznik**, of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General on being admitted to the Illinois Bar.

# North Suburban Bar Association's Installation Dinner

The North Suburban Bar Association hosted their annual Installation and Awards Dinner on September 13, 2011 at the North Shore Country Club, 1340 Glenview Road, Glenview, Illinois. Advocates member **Anna P. Krolikowska** was sworn in as 1st Vice President. NSBA also commemorated the decade anniversary of 09/11 with a special presentation by Maureen Cunningham, the Regional Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency Region. Congratulations to the 2011-2012 NSBA Officers, and Board of Managers!

## Justinian Society of Lawyers Installation Dinner

The Justinian Society of Lawyers will host their annual Installation and Awards Dinner on September 22, 2011 at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel, 17 East Monroe, Street, Chicago, Illinois. The Justinian Society will recognize John Locallo, the President of the Illinois State Bar Association, and Justice Mary Schostok. The celebration will begin with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending this event please contact the Justinian Society at (708) 338-0760, or [www.justinians.org](http://www.justinians.org).

## Judges' Night

The Annual Judges' Night is scheduled for Thursday, **October 20, 2011** at the **Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL**. Those interested in making a donation or sponsorship options should contact **Regina Rathnau** at (312) 665-3439 by September 22, 2011. 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 \$50.00 for non dues paying members.

## Advocates Scholarship Fundraiser

**Mark your calendars!** The annual scholarship fundraiser will be hosted **November 11, 2011** 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 Knights of Dabrowski scholarship fund for law students of Polish descent. **Kristen Kozlowski** is currently looking for silent auction items, so please contact her at (312) 726 -6317, or [kristenkoz@hotmail.com](mailto:kristenkoz@hotmail.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!**

## The Polish American Association Gala

The Polish American Association has announced that it will be awarding the Advocates Society member **John Pikarski** its prestigious Presidential Award at the Polish American Association's Benefit Gala. John is past President, and an Honorary Board member of the Polish American Association. The Advocates Society congratulates John Pikarski! The event will take place on November 12, 2011 at Cafe La Cave, 2777 Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018. Tickets are \$165. **Maureen Pikarski** is putting together an Advocates Society table. If you are interested in attending this event and sitting at the Advocates Society table please contact **Maureen Pikarski** at 312-521-7004, or [mpikarski@gordonpikarski.com](mailto:mpikarski@gordonpikarski.com).

# Congratulations

**Advocates Society congratulates Linda Kuczma!** Linda has accepted the position of an Administrative Trademark Judge at the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, VA. Linda Kuczma has specialized in trademark prosecution, counseling, litigation, licensing and other intellectual property matters during her career, and also is registered to practice before the USPTO in patent matters. During her career in private practice, she has been named among the top 50 women attorneys in Illinois and has been named an Illinois Super Lawyer and Leading Lawyer in intellectual property. She was also recently presented with the McManus Award by the Guerin Prep High School. For more information regarding the McManus Award and Linda Kuczma's numerous accomplishments go to [www.guerinprep.org/alumni.html](http://www.guerinprep.org/alumni.html). Linda Kuczma will begin her new position of Administrative Trademark Judge in October, 2011.



Linda Kuczma, '74 graduate of Mother Theodore Guerin High School, and Tom Kowalski, '79 graduate of Holy Cross High School, display their McManus Davenport Awards given for outstanding service.

## The Polish American Police Association

The Polish American Police Association will host their annual Night at the Races on November 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Maywood Park Race Track, 8600 W. North Avenue, Maywood Park, Illinois. Tickets are priced at \$23.00 each and include free valet parking, clubhouse admission, an official program, and buffet dinner with coffee and dessert. If you are interested in attending this event please contact **Kristen Kozlowski** at (312) 726 -6317, or [kristenkoz@hotmail.com](mailto:kristenkoz@hotmail.com).

## Amicus Poloniae Legal Clinic Supply Drive

The Amicus Poloniae Legal Clinic is in need of various supplies. Please bring your donations to any General Meeting. Currently the clinic would greatly appreciate donation of: pens, pencils, copy paper, legal writing pads, clip boards, staplers, staples, a computer with word processing capabilities, a few office chairs, and two basic desks. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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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.

- September 3-5, 2011 Taste of Polonia at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
- September 13, 2011, Tuesday, NSBA Installation, North Shore Country Club, 1340 Glenview Road, Glenview, Illinois
- September 16, 2011, Friday, 7:00 p.m. General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Illinois
- September 22, 2011, Justinian Society Installation, Palmer House Hilton Hotel, 17 East Monroe, Street, Chicago, Illinois
- September 30, 2011, Friday, Board of Governors' Meeting
- September 30, 2011, Friday, Bohemian Lawyers Association Centennial Celebration
- October 20, 2011, Thursday, Annual Judges' Night, Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Illinois
- October 28, 2011, Friday, Board of Governors' Meeting
- November 11, 2011, Friday, Annual Scholarship Dinner
- December 2, 2011, Friday, Board of Governors' Meeting
- December 9, 2011, Friday, Holiday Party at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
- January 12, 2011, Thursday, Board of Governors' Meeting
- January 20, 2011, Friday, General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
- February 3, 2012, Friday, Board of Governors' Meeting
- February 2012, TBD, Annual Awards and Installation Dinner

### *Amicus Poloniae Legal Clinic*

5711 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL

Saturday, September 17, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 15, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Call (773) 763-8520 for more information.