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Judges' Night, Polish Museum of America Wednesday, October 17, 2012

The Annual Judges' Night is scheduled for Wednesday, **October 17, 2012** at the **Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL** from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Members should RSVP to **Michele Hendrickson** at MicheleHendrickson@sbcglobal.net or at (847) 823-5517. Volunteers are also 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.

New Members

The Advocates Society is pleased to announce that **MAREK J. DYMON, ELIZABETH BAIO, AUDREY V. COSGROVE, ADAM WOLEK, and MICHAEL R. PIECZONKA** have applied for membership. Their applications have been approved by the Board and will be presented to the membership at the December general meeting (due to October's Judges Night and November's fundraiser to which they are welcome to attend). 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 alex fz@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!**

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.

Elder Law Forum

Are you interested in Elder Law? The Advocates has been presented with an opportunity to join forces with Judge Patricia Banks, presiding judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County Elder Law Division to create an Elder Law Forum targeting the Polish ethnic community. The Copernicus Center will be the location for the event. The goal of the event would be to allow seniors to gain information at one time from a variety of organizations that are able to help seniors. If you are interested helping create and lead the event, email us at advocatessociety@gmail.com.



The Chicago Society celebrated its 100th birthday on October 6. To celebrate this event, a gala dinner was held at the White Eagle. Above pictured is President **Regina Rathnau**, past President **Bill Powell**, and First Vice President **Michele Hendrickson**. A great night was had by all!

New Home for Advocates!

The Advocates finally has a permanent home. The new Advocates Society office will be at the new Copernicus Center Annex located at **5214 West Lawrence, Chicago, Illinois 60630**. Mail can still be sent to the PO box for now, but this address will become the mailing address for Advocates. We are excited to have a home for our records and a place for board meetings and other tasks!

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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.

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, October 20, 2012
 Saturday, November 17, 2012
 Saturday, December 15, 2012