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THE ADVOCATE

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General Membership Meeting Friday, March 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The general membership meeting of the Advocates Society will be on Friday, March 22, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Copernicus Foundation. 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. The speaker will be **Stanley Majka** of [Brigitte Schmidt Bell, PC](#). Stanley will be discussing Uniform Collaborative Law. The Advocates will apply for CLE credit. If you plan to attend, please contact First Vice President **Steve Rakowski** at steve@lsrfamilylaw.com and leave a message so that we know how much food to order.

April General Membership Meeting Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the Polish Highlanders' House

The April meeting of the Advocates Society will take place on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 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. Speakers [John J. Pikarski](#) and [Morton A. Gordon](#) will discuss law office technology.

If you plan to attend, please contact First Vice President **Steve Rakowski** at steve@lsrfamilylaw.com and leave a message so that we know how much food to order.

Polish Constitution Day Parade

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 4, 2013, 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 participate with our group, please meet at our designated parade location number. We will be provided a location number closer to the date of the parade. We will post this number on our website and also send it out via email.

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 **Matthew A. Sidor**, Third Vice President at msidor@sidorlaw.com with any questions and to confirm your attendance.

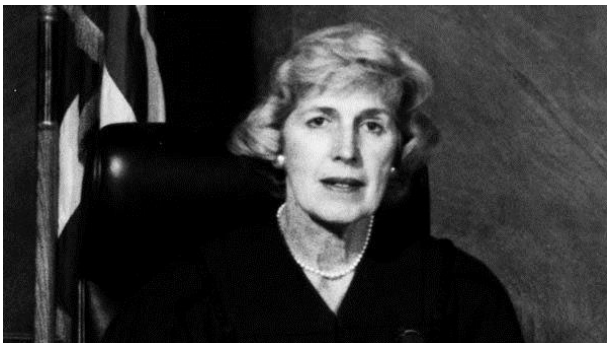
CLE Co-sponsored by Advocates

On May 14th, 2013 the Advocates will be co-sponsoring a one hour CLE event at the Daley Center during the lunch hour. The event is open to all members of the Illinois Bar. The topic will be Avoiding ARDC issues.

Condolences

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Ona R. Makowski**, sister of Advocates member **Donna Makowski**. Also, the passing of **Michael Matuga** son of Advocates member **Ed Matuga**. The Advocates Society offers our deepest condolences to the Makowski and the Matuga family. Please keep the Makowski and Matuga families in your prayers.

Justice Mary Ann McMorrow, 1930-2013



It is with great sadness to inform you of the passing of retired **Justice Mary Ann McMorrow**. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her and her family.

New Members

The Advocates Society is pleased to announce that new members, **Erik Wachnik**, **Magdalena Serafin**, and **Joseph F. Kwiatkowski**, have applied for membership. Their applications have been approved by the Board and will be presented to the membership at the March meeting. We look forward to welcoming them to our organization.

Congratulations

Congrats to our new House Committee Chairman, **Lucas Figiel**. Lucas can be contacted at lucas@figlaw.com.

Congratulations to **Joanna Michalec** on the birth of Maria Helena!

Dues Reminder

Dues are Due. You may mail your dues check to Advocates Society, attention: Treasurer Kristen Kozlowski, Copernicus Center Annex, 5214 West Lawrence Suite 4, Chicago, Illinois 60630. Also, you may visit the website to pay your dues, www.advocatesociety.com. 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.

ISBA Elections 2013

The Illinois State Bar Association elections are underway. **Pam Menaker** and **Anna Krolikowska** are running for the Board of Governors of the ISBA in Cook County. Anna is running for the Under 37 in Cook County seat of the ISBA Board of Governors (one seat set aside for candidates under 37- ALL ISBA members can vote for Anna, not just those under 37) and Pam is running for the Cook County Board of Governors seat (no age restrictions). Pam is also running for the Assembly. Let's show them our support and get out the vote!

National Advocates Society

Join the [National Advocates Society](http://www.nationaladvocatesociety.com) this summer for the [2013 Annual Convention](http://www.nationaladvocatesociety.com) in Egg Harbor, Wisconsin from July 31 through August 4, 2013! For more information please contact National Advocates Society president **Jane Simers** at president@polishnas.com.



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2013-14 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.

2013 Advocates Society Calendar		
March 22, 2013	Friday	General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave.
April 11, 2013	Thursday	Board of Governors' Meeting
April 24, 2013	Wed.	General Meeting at Polish Highlanders' 4808 S. Archer Ave., Chicago*
May 4, 2013	Saturday	Polish Constitution Day Parade
May 17, 2013	Friday	Board of Governors' Meeting-
June- TBD		General Meeting at Polish Consulate*
June 28, 2013	Friday	Board of Governors' Meeting-
July 20, 2013	Saturday	Summer Family BBQ*
July 31 - Aug. 4		National Advocates, Egg Harbor, Wisconsin

*Subject to change

Amicus Poloniae Legal Clinic
 5711 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL
 Saturday, April 20, 2013
 Saturday, May 18, 2013