

President's Perspective — September 2010

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the Bar Association from summer break. I do hope that everyone had a great summer, albeit hotter than anything we have had in years!

One of the duties and privileges given to the President of our Bar Association is the participation in the admission of members and friends of the Camden County Bar before the United States Supreme Court. While I remember my admission ceremony of several years ago, with Foundation President Joe McCormick serving as the movant, as being meaningful; my experience as the moving party in this year's ceremony made such a more indelible impression. As you sit in the courtroom, ten feet away from the Justice's chairs, waiting for the session to begin, you are immediately struck with the majestic grandeur of the courtroom, and are reminded of all the history and law that has been made in this room. At exactly 10 a.m., all nine Justices appear, in choreographed unison, from behind heavy red drapes to take their places on the "bench." The Chief Justice announces the opinions of the Court that will be delivered that morning. Following the reading of the opinions, the admission ceremony begins. The steeped in tradition ritual and formality adds to this inspiring experience. What an honor to hear the Chief Justice call my name to come to the lectern to make my application for admission to the United States Supreme Court of the thirteen attorneys who traveled with us. Thankfully, my very precisely scripted motion (as prepared by the Court) was said with oratory perfection! If you have not had the opportunity to take part in this truly moving event, I would encourage you to do so.

The month of June also continued with the traditions of hosting a picnic for underprivileged children from Camden and the annual Bar Outing. This year's Children's Picnic was a great success, as gauged by the smiles on all of the children's faces. Thank you to all the volunteers, especially co-chairs Brenda Eutsler and Jenifer Fowler, who helped to make this event so special.

Our traditional Bar Outing, now combined with the Burlington County Bar Association's Bar Outing, was once again held at the Flying W ranch in Medford. I know that

the members who attended had a great time, though the number of members participating in this event has dwindled over the past few years. If you have some thoughts on the June Outing, or any of our events, please feel free to reach out to me.

With the advent of September comes our Meet the Judges and Law Clerks Reception. I hope to see everyone at the boathouse on September 21st as we welcome the new clerks.

Another event not to miss this month is the Young Lawyers' Committee Lobster Bake. On Saturday, September 11th come to the TapRoom in Haddon Township for lobster, shrimp, corn on the cob, beer/wine and live music. The proceeds of this very worthwhile event will go to a newly created scholarship fund, established by the YLC, for the benefit of the Larc School, which serves students with a wide range of disabilities.

Finally, on September 13th, please join us for the Annual Memorial Ceremony as we remember the Bar Association members who have passed away during the past year.

As you can see, the Bar Association is off to a great start. I look forward to seeing you at these events, and thank you in advance for your participation.

Have a great year!

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- 9.11 — Lobster Bake
- 9.13 — Memorial Ceremony
- 9.21 — Meet the Judges & Law Clerks
- 9.22 — Probate & Trust Luncheon
- 9.23 — Federal Civil Practice CLE
- 9.28 — Understanding Alcotest Discovery CLE
- 10.4 — Autumn Scramble Golf Outing
- 10.19 — Judge John F. Gerry Award Dinner