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A major benefit of your CCBA membership is the opportunity to serve on one of our many substantive law committees. Committee participation offers you a voice in the future of YOUR professional organization. As the new Bar year begins, committee appointments will be one of the first official acts of President Matthew Rooney—let Matt know how you want to be involved!

Use the committee call list included with the inserts and return it to Bar Headquarters with your committee choice(s) indicated. Committee participation is important to the future of the Association, and a terrific way to meet and network with fellow lawyers, judges and other members of the legal community. The strength of your Association depends upon the strength and activities of its committees!

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

This is the last Barrister edition until September. We hope it has been an interesting and informative Barrister year for you, our readers, and we look forward to continuing the tradition of keeping you informed, entertained and connected. Of course we will still have our weekly emails to help you stay informed and up-to-date.

In addition to the regular columns that appear, we are fortunate to receive several interesting articles throughout the year from our members. To those of you who pen these articles, we thank you and please keep them coming!

This is YOUR publication, written for and by members of the Camden County Bar Association and we are always looking for fresh ideas and columns or articles on various topics. We would especially appreciate substantive articles from our committees as they meet and work throughout the year. We invite submissions from ALL Bar members.

Please remember that submissions are due the 10th of the month prior to publication (i.e. August 10th for the September issue, etc.). Articles should be no more than 750-1000 words, 12 pt. type, double-spaced and forwarded as an email attachment to Kara Edens at kara@camdencountybar.org.

For additional information on submitting articles for publication, please contact Bar Headquarters at (856) 482-0620 or via email to kara@camdencountybar.org.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER

On June 13, 2024 at the Camden County Boathouse, **Matthew Rooney** will be installed as the 98th President of the Camden County Bar Association and **Rachael Brekke** will be installed as the President of the Camden County Bar Foundation. Please register to attend by June 6th!

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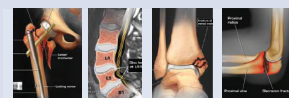
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Thursday, June 6**Custody Evaluations CLE****4 p.m. – Zoom****Wednesday, June 12****Persuasive Writing CLE****4 p.m. – Zoom****Thursday, June 13****Installation of Officers Dinner****6 p.m. – Camden County Boathouse, Pennsauken****Saturday, June 15****CCBF Children's Picnic****9 a.m. – Challenge Grove Park****Monday, June 17****CCBA Board of Trustees Meeting****4:30 p.m. – Bar Headquarters/Zoom****Wednesday, June 26****CCBF Board of Trustees Meeting****5 p.m. – Archer & Greiner, Voorhees**JUNE
17**Tentative Agenda for
June 17 Board Meeting**

A tentative agenda for this month's regular Board of Trustees meeting follows. The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will be hybrid via Zoom and at Bar Headquarters. All meetings are open to the membership. Anyone interested in participating should notify and confirm their attendance by calling Bar Headquarters at (856) 482-0620.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes from Meeting
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. President's Report
- V. Executive Director's Report
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership Committee
 - b. Young Lawyers Committee
 - c. Standing Committee Reports
- VII. Foundation Update
- VIII. NJSBA Update
- IX. Old Business (if any)
- X. New Business (if any)
- XI. Adjournment

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

By Matt Rooney

"Summertime is always the best of what might be."
- Charles Bowden

Summer 2024 is upon us. Beaches, baseball, roadtrips, cookouts, fireworks, water, suntan lotion and the annual parental crucible that is ten weeks without school. When you're a kid? Summer has a taste and a smell of its own, and absolutely nothing in creation is better than a

months-long break from the monotony of classes.

When you're an adult... well, it's a lot of the same except that it's also hot outside.

I've come to see the season a little differently as of late. Summer is *possibilities*. Opportunity. A chance - when the planet seems most vibrant and alive - to literally make hay while the sun shines before the inevitable cyclical arrival of colder temperatures and the augmented responsibilities and obligations of the autumn.

Here at the Camden County Bar Association (CCBA), we won't be taking a summer vacation. Our organizational calendar resets every June 1st, and our summer programming begins with a bang as we celebrate the annual Installation of Officers on June 13th at 6:00 P.M. at the Camden County Boathouse. Join us!

We'll party, and no apologies for it, but then we'll plan, and strategize, and plot a course for future growth. The coming bar year is pregnant with potential, and we intend to make the most of it as we strive to discover new and better ways to serve our profession and each other in a thousand different ways ranging from fundraisers and fun-raisers to peerless CLE classes and networking events.

The CCBA is a community for all seasons, and the time is always right for you to rediscover what we're all about.

LRS RENEWAL - OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS FOR THE 2024-2025 LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE PANEL

Enrollment is now open for the Association's Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) for the 2024-2025 Bar year. Panel membership is open to any lawyer who meets the necessary qualifications. The new LRS panel begins on June 1 and continues through May 31, 2025. Members serving on the current panel must re-enroll for the new LRS year.

Each year the LRS makes some 2,000 referrals to callers with legal problems who are able to afford a private attorney; many of them fee-generating cases. You can be part of this important program that helps expand your client base through pre-screened referrals while providing a terrific community service for individuals requiring legal services.

The annual registration fee is \$100 for those admitted to the New Jersey Bar up to five years, or \$200 for those admitted for six years or more. Please note that all LRS panel members are required to remit back to the Bar Association 10% of fees collected over \$500 for all matters referred by the LRS. The fee applies to any referral received from the LRS and is payable when the participating attorney receives payment for services rendered.

A completed application, together with the appropriate enrollment fee and required original certificate of malpractice insurance coverage, must be returned to the Bar Association before referrals can be made in the new Bar year.

Applications can be downloaded from the Association's website at www.camdencountybar.org, or by calling Bar Headquarters at (856) 482-0620.

DON'T DELAY - RENEW TODAY!

The Camden County Bar Association's commitment to service to our members and the community remains our focus for the upcoming Bar year. As a member of the Camden County Bar Association, you are able to renew your membership online for the 2024-25 Bar year. Please visit <https://camden.intouchondemand.com/barlanding.aspx> and log into your profile.

The Camden County Bar Association is dedicated to finding solutions to your challenges, keeping you informed on the ever-changing legal landscape (hello AI!), connecting you with other attorneys in and around Camden County, and offering you value for

your hard-earned dollar. Below are just some benefits of continued membership with the CCBA:

- ◆ One free membership directory listing with your membership (\$50 value). NOTE: You must contact Bar staff to select your free directory listing. Contact Nicholas DeMarco at nick@camdencountybar.org.
- ◆ Discounts on CLE seminars - members save 60-75% on CCBA-sponsored seminars vs. many competitors and approximately 30% vs. non-members. CCBA seminars offer both NJ MCLE and PA CLE credits to help you meet your annual requirement.

- ◆ Unique benefits from our Partners in Progress such as advice and information for attorneys, law firm website and marketing experts, telephone and merchant services discounts, discounts from payroll services, ABA publications, office supplies, car rentals and travel discounts, and more.
- ◆ Plus all the usual benefits of CCBA membership such as important updates from the courts, exclusive opportunities to connect with members of the Bench and Bar, the Lawyer Referral Service to help you grow your practice, our vibrant Young Lawyers Committee, and discounted attorney ID Cards providing easy access to the Camden County Hall of Justice.

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Cocktails, Conversation and Camaraderie

It was a packed house at Il Villaggio on May 13th as we unveiled the portraits of Hon. Nan S. Famular, P.J.Ch. (Ret.), Hon. Faustino J. Fernandez-Vina, J. (Ret.) and Hon. Lee A. Solomon, J. and awarded scholarships to deserving law students at the annual Cocktails & Conversation event. We thank Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz and the Judges from the Camden County Superior Court and Justices from the New Jersey Supreme Court for attending and supporting this fantastic event. As the pictures show, a wonderful time was had by all.



Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz, Justice Faustino Fernandez-Vina and Judge Gwendolyn Blue



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Judge Nan Famular with President Matt Rooney



President Matt Rooney with Justice Lee Solomon

This year, the Camden County Bar Foundation awarded \$13,000 in law student scholarships to deserving law students. Below are some of this year's recipients with our Scholarship Committee Chair James Hamilton, and some of the co-chairs of our various scholarship subcommittees.



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Features to be Considered in Personal Injury Related Trusts

by Thomas D. Begley, Jr., Esq.,

There are a number of considerations when a personal injury trust is being utilized in connection with a personal injury recovery. The types of trusts commonly used are:

- **Special Needs Trust.** A Special Needs Trust (SNT) is for an individual receiving, or who may be eligible to receive, means-tested public benefits such as SSI, Medicaid, Federally Assisted Housing, and SNAP (Food Stamps).
- **Settlement Protection Trust.** A Settlement Protection Trust (SPT) is used when there is a plaintiff who is a minor or incapacitated adult, or if the plaintiff wants help in investing the money and preventing him or her from squandering it.
- **Settlement Protection Trust with Special Needs Provisions.** In some instances, the Settlement Protection Trust with Special Needs Provisions (SPT with SNT) is utilized. An example would be where the plaintiff is under age 18 and is not eligible for SSI and Medicaid because of parental deeming until the child attains age 18. In those situations, the Settlement Protection Subtrust, which is fairly flexible, can be utilized until the child's 18th birthday, at which time the funds will be transferred by the trustee into the Special Needs Subtrust.
- **Settlement Protection Trust with Special Needs and Medicare-Set Aside Provisions.** There are occasions where there may be a Settlement Protection Trust with Special Needs and Medicare Set-Aside (MSA) Provisions (SPT with SPT and MSA). These would be cases where the plaintiff may be receiving public benefits in

the future but needs an MSA. Some Courts hold that the MSA is a countable resource precluding the plaintiff from receiving public benefits. If the MSA is embedded in the Special Needs Trust, it is not a countable asset.

- **Special Needs Trust with Medicare Set-Aside Provisions.** Some trusts are simply Special Needs Trusts with MSA Provisions (SNT with MSA).

In designing these trusts, certain features should be considered.

- **Who Should Serve as Trustee?** A professional trustee should always be considered for a Personal Injury-Related Trust. The professional trustee has expertise in investment management, taxation, and navigating the system to support the injured party. Courts will usually not require any bond for a professional trustee.
- **Trust Protector.** A trust protector should be appointed whenever there is a corporate trustee. The trust protector should be given the authority to remove and replace the professional trustee in the event that the relationship proves to be unsatisfactory. Knowing that the trustee can be removed is comforting to the beneficiary.
- **Compensation.** Each professional trustee publishes a Standard Schedule of Charges for the services of a trustee. It is usually a declining sliding scale based on the size of the trust assets under management. It should be noted that these trustee commissions are generally comparable to, and often less expensive than, those charged by any investment manager or even mutual funds. A good trustee will provide personal attention to the trust beneficiary.

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- **Limited Power of Appointment.** The Personal Injury-Related Trust should give a beneficiary who has capacity a limited power of appointment. This means that the injured party can execute a will disposing of the assets in the trust upon death. It may be better to give the injured party the limited power of appointment than to have the trust document determine who will receive the funds on the death of the beneficiary, because the injured party can exercise the appointment from time to time and change the disposition of assets as he or she sees fit. It should be noted that estate planning is crucial in the settlement of a personal injury case, particularly where Federal and State estate and inheritance taxes are involved.
- **Revocable/Irrevocable.** An SNT and an SNT with MSA must be irrevocable from inception. An SPT could be revocable by the injured party, if the party has capacity, or it could be irrevocable. If one of the goals is to protect against squandering assets, it is advisable to make the trust irrevocable. However, once the Special Needs Subtrust is funded, the Special Needs Subtrust must be irrevocable.
- **Grantor Trust.** Any of the Personal Injury-Related Trusts can be a grantor trust, which means that, for income tax purposes, it is ignored. The income tax treatment of the income and deductions pertaining to the trust are the same as they would be if there was no trust. The grantor picks up the income and deductions on his or her personal tax returns.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

VERDICT:

Case Type: 699 TORT – OTHER
Judge: MICHAEL J. KASSEL, J.S.C.
Plaintiff's Atty: RYAN P. CATALANO, ESQ.
Defendant's Atty: N/A
L-1075-21 JURY

VERDICT:

Case Type: LAD
Judge: DONALD J. STEIN, J.S.C.
Plaintiff's Atty: MATTHEW LUBER, ESQ. & ARMOND MCCOMBER, ESQ.
Defendant's Atty: LAURA RUCCOLO
L-1955-18 BENCH

VERDICT:

Case Type: NO CAUSE
TORT – OTHER
Judge: JUDITH S. CHARNY, J.S.C.
Plaintiff's Atty: MARIANNE LASCURAIN, ESQ.
Defendant's Atty: GARY BOGUSKI, ESQ. & MARIO IAVICOLI
L-3886-19 BENCH

VERDICT:

Case Type: NO CAUSE
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
Judge: STEVEN J. POLANSKY, P.J.Cv.
Plaintiff's Atty: MICHAEL J. GLASSMAN, ESQ.
Defendant's Atty: DOMINIC A. DELAURENTIS, JR. ESQ.
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L-229-19 JURY

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CAMDEN COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PICNIC

Join us for the Camden County Bar Foundation's annual Children's Picnic on Saturday, **June 15** from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Over 200 underserved inner-city kids are expected to attend and enjoy a day of fun in the sun complete with bounce houses, games, DJ & dancing, hamburgers and hot dogs, cotton candy and ice cream, face painting, and more!



Volunteers are needed for everything from set up and clean up, to grilling and spinning cotton candy, and coordinating games and having fun with the kids. Middle and High Schoolers can earn community service hours by volunteering!

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Forgotten Property? You Might Not Need a Forensic Accountant For This... But Call If You Do

by Martin H. Abo, CPA/ABV/CVA/CFF

When retained to help administer an estate or just garnering assets, we will often (like just last week) search for unclaimed property. Hey, if we know this, why shouldn't you?

What are we talking about? Well, if a business, government, bank, or other institution owes you money but can't get in contact with you, they may turn the money over to your state government. Most states we know protect unclaimed money and hold it until it is claimed by the rightful owner. If your state is holding on to money that belongs to you, it's due to a federally mandated process called escheatment. According to escheatment rules, abandoned or forgotten property must be turned over to the state after a dormancy period has elapsed.

Start your free search for unclaimed money with your state's unclaimed property office. If you'd rather not search for your state's site, the NAUPA (National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators) has a handy directory. Simply select your state on their interactive map and you'll be redirected to your state's database. You can also do a free search on the websites www.MissingMoney.com or www.Unclaimed.org, which are both endorsed by the NAUPA feature collective records from all state-held unclaimed property. Frankly, we suggest you also check other states you've lived in or done business in. Other companies that claim to offer access to unclaimed funds (and which assess a fee) are often just scams.

Holders of Unclaimed Property are financial institutions, insurers, utilities, business associations, medical facilities, sole proprietors, fiduciaries, courts, public officers, government entities and all legal or commercial entities that must file a report with the state if they have reportable unclaimed property. These items and funds go missing, often for things as simple as a misspelled name or an out-of-date address. But let's be clear: this is YOUR money we're talking about.

These funds may be bank or brokerage accounts, uncashed payroll checks, uncashed dividend checks, CDs, contents of safe deposit boxes, insurance policies, annuities, trust funds, unredeemed money orders, utility deposits, refunds or the many other types of assets covered under the particular state's statute. Tangible property are physical assets such as collectible coins, jewelry, military medals, stamps, antiques, savings bonds or other physical items. The State only acts as a custodian of these funds until the rightful owner(s) can be located, verified, and the assets are returned. If you locate unclaimed property belonging to you or you have the legal capacity to claim an asset belonging to someone else, you can submit a claim in just a few simple steps. Unclaimed assets are reported in the name or Social Security number of the owner(s) along with any owner information (if available).

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Forgotten Property? You Might Not Need a Forensic Accountant For This... But Call If You Do

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So, here's what your forensic accountants suggest you do:

- Search for unclaimed money and property in states where you have lived or worked.
- Check for unclaimed funds from bank failures or unclaimed deposits from credit union closures.
- Check for unclaimed back wages, pension money, or life insurance funds.
- Search for unclaimed or undelivered tax refunds (federal or state) or search for a refund from an FHA-insured mortgage.
- If you're married, check under your maiden name. Using a first initial and your last name is also encouraged to make sure everything comes up.

The claims process is much simpler if the owner of the unclaimed property is still living, so we encourage our clients to do searches on themselves and their loved ones periodically. However, if you are wanting to claim funds on behalf of a lost loved one, you will need to have access to this documents/information of him/her:

- A copy of the death certificate;
- His/her social security number;
- A copy of his/her id (driver's license)
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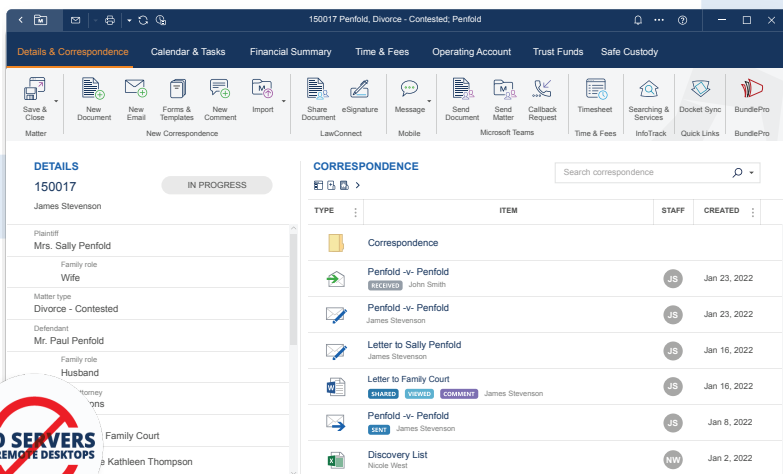
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By Jim Hamilton

When we talk about the “ABCs” we often are referring to something that is very basic or foundational, as in children learning their ABCs as they embark on years or, for those extending their studies beyond college, many decades of education. In the world of wine, these introductory letters of the alphabet came to be used dismissively when discussing a wine commonly opened at the table or gathering – **Anything But Chardonnay!** There are many explanations offered for this expression, whether a desire to try something different than the very popular Chardonnay wines or as a protest from the increasing use of oak when making wines from this grape and how the wood can overpower the fruit. While perhaps less common, it is an expression sometimes used when discussing a favorite red wine grape, Cabernet Sauvignon, as in **Anything But Cabernet**.

When learning the ABCs of wine and avoiding falling into a rut of common grape choices, we can start by identifying other varieties having names that begin with those letters. One of the increasingly popular “A” grapes is Albariño, or Alvarinho as it is known in Portugal. While Albariño is grown elsewhere, it is best known as the leading white wine grape in the Rias Baixas region in Galicia in northeastern Spain. It is an area that abuts and therefore is influenced by the ocean, and many of the wines possess bracing acidity and salinity, with fruit impressions that include lemon, lemon zest, honeydew melon, nectarines, and sometimes gentle grapefruit tones. An estate that some years ago Linda and I visited that really impressed us is **Zarate**. While the winery makes a wide variety of wines, the one most commonly available to us is the entry level Albariño, and it most definitely merits your buying consideration. Other producers to consider include **Bodegas Granbázan, Bodegas la Cana, Pazo de Señorans, Bodegas La Val, Coto De Gomariz, and Paco & Lola**.

If you want to try an off-the-beaten path red wine from the “A” list, perhaps you may enjoy a wine made from Greece’s Agiorgitiko grape. Given the fact that the grape’s spelling does not match how non-Greeks would pronounce it (it is pronounced I-yor-YEE-ti-ko), it is unsurprising that some producers will label their versions after the rough translation of the name, Saint George, which actually is a chapel in the heartland for the grape, Nemea. Another alternative to labeling the wine by its challenging varietal name is for Nemea producers to simply use that regional name. Last September, Linda and I enjoyed sitting down and tasting with George Skouras at his winery during a visit that coincided with an annual regional festival, “Great Days of Nemea.” Agiorgitiko handles Mediterranean heat well, but the better wines are grown at elevation to enable the wines to retain the acidity necessary to

avoid flabbiness. The wines tend to offer plum and red fruits, cocoa, and can be distinctively spicy, with gentle tannins allowing the depth of the fruit flavors to take center stage. Besides **Skouras**, two other wineries we visited in Nemea whose Agiorgitikos are worth searching out include Gai’a and Semeli. More difficult to find but also meriting consideration are **Pavlidis, Tselepos** (also under the Driopi label), **Palivou**, and **Papaioannou**.

Moving on in the alphabet, let’s talk about two red grape varieties that begin with the letter “B.” Barbera is a workhorse grape that enjoys its biggest success in Italy’s Piedmont region. While it usually sits in the shadows of Barolo and Barbaresco, wines made from the Nebbiolo grape, that deservedly enjoy the spotlight in this northern Italian wine region, Barbera offers a much more affordable and often more reliable option when looking for a red wine to pair with dishes that call for wines possessing complementary acidity. The high-toned nature of the wines and their moderate tannins cause the fruit to be quite vivid, with brambly qualities overlaying sharply defined red fruit impressions such as wild strawberries or raspberries and dried cherries, often with a mushroom and mineral presence, particularly if the wine has some age. While more “serious” wines often see some barrel aging, and those from specific regions such as Asti and Alba can elevate the varietal in quality and price, many Barberas are made for early consumption at favorable prices. During the past several vintages, the **Gianfranco Alessandria Barbera** has offered excellent quality at a bargain price. Indeed, I poured it at a recent charity tasting and it was quite popular. Most of our better wine stores will carry a host of other Barberas from well-regarded producers such as **Domenico Clerico, G.D. Vajra, Vietti** (Tre Vigne from both Asti and Alba), **Michele Chiarlo, Mauro Veglio, Moccagatta, La Spinetta** (labeled as Ca’ di Pian), **Pico Maccario**, and **Pio Cesare**.

Further afield we can look to Central Europe, and particularly Austria, for wines made from the **Blaufrankisch** grape. This is a somewhat vigorous but late-ripening grape that can be densely fruity and possess lively acidity and healthy tannins. Typical fruit profiles include red currants and blackberries that are more primary when the wine is young but with some time in bottle or glass can be augmented by notes of allspice and black pepper. It is a wine that pairs well with sausage, lamb, and grilled meats. It also is grown in Germany where it usually is called Lemberger, a grape name and planting that also has found favor in Washington State. Among Austrian versions of wines from this grape worth seeking out are those fashioned by **Prieler, Glatzer, Wachter-Wiesler**, and **Heidi Schröck**.



Finally, let’s take a look at two wines made from “C” grapes that offer alternatives to Chardonnay or Cabernet Sauvignon. As mentioned in a past column, one of the more interesting wine regions Linda and I visited was Mt. Etna in Sicily. There more than anywhere else, the Carricante grape thrives. Left uncontrolled, the vines will over-produce grapes leaving the wine diluted and uninteresting, but when managed by quality-conscious vintners, the results can be rewarding. One key to a grape succeeding in a hot climate such as Sicily is elevation, and the best Carricante vineyards are well up the slope of the volcano where the diurnal temperature range (warm days and cooler nights) allows for proper ripening. Many producers fashion wines that are unoaked but see malolactic fermentation (the conversion of sharper lactic acid into creamier malic acid). This approach allows the acidity to remain vibrant while the taste impressions are more expansive, often offering notes of green apples, citrus, barely ripe peaches, and fennel, sometimes accented by streaks of white flowers and a nutty salinity. Among producers who, particularly for their entry level wines, raise the wines in stainless steel are **Benanti, Alta Mora, Pietradolce**, and **Tasca l’Almerita**. While it is priced above the level many may want to spend for a wine made from Carricante, the **Planeta Carricante Eruzione 1614** can take the grape to another level of expression. If a winemaker wants the wine to offer more power and structure, they may employ the use of oak barrels in the fermentation

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and/or aging of the wines. Wineries who may take this approach include **Alberto Graci** and **Tenuta della Terre Nere**. It should be mentioned that many wineries will label their Carricante as Etna Bianco, either because it is more recognizable or because the wine includes a small percentage of other varieties, often Catarrato or in the case of the Planeta, Riesling.

Let's close by focusing on a red grape that deserves more attention than it receives, Carignan (*Car*-[as in carry]-*in-yan*). This is a grape that once was widely planted in France, particularly in the south, until in the late 20th century it became a victim of Merlot's increasing popularity. Because of its high acidity and brisk tannins, it often is viewed as a grape to add as part of a blend where those qualities need to be enhanced, often in support of Grenache, Syrah, and/or Mourvèdre. It is a grape that ripens late, often from over productive vines, and is susceptible to disease. This likely has helped accelerate its decline in favor of easier to grow and more popular varieties. Its identity also can be obscured by the fact it has different names depending on where it grows. It is planted in Spain's famous Rioja region, where it is called Mazuelo and where it often will be blended with that area's flagship Tempranillo grape. Carignan has become an increasingly important grape in two other regions of Spain, Priorat and Montsant, located in the northeastern area of Catalonia, where it is known as Cariñena. The grape also has found a home in Sardinia, where it is called Carignano. Naturally, the impressions the grape conveys will vary from region to region with their different terroirs, but some of the qualities one may find include spice-driven red fruit, woody and earthy undercurrents, dusty tannins, and a gamey impression that can either seem rustic or complex, depending on how it is handled or how it is perceived by the taster. While it can be a vigorous vine, many of the vineyards still producing the grapes are old, some very old, which reduces the number of grapes produced and correspondingly adds dimension and complexity to the grapes they yield. One of the real bargain French Carignan wines is the old vine bottling of **Domaine Lafage** under his **Tessellae** label. Other wineries achieving success that have local availability include **Hecht & Bannier**, **Domaine des Tourelles**, and **Domaine des d'Aupilhac**. In Sardinia, a quality effort is that of **Tenute Sella & Mosca**. Some of the more accomplished, and more expensive, producers of Carignan or wines having a healthy percentage of the grape, are in Spain's Priorat and Montsant regions. Among those wineries utilizing Cariñena successfully include **Vall Llach**, **Mas Doix**, **Terroir Al**, **Mas d'en Gil**, **LimitScala Dei**, **Bodegas Mas Alta**, **Bodegas La Cartuja**, **Costers del Priorat**, **Ferrer Bobet**, and **Black Slate**. While their lofty reputations allow for elevated prices, since they also employ the grape, usually as part of a blend, we should at least mention **Alvaro Palacios**, **Clos Erasmus**, **Clos Mogador**, and **Mas Martinet**.

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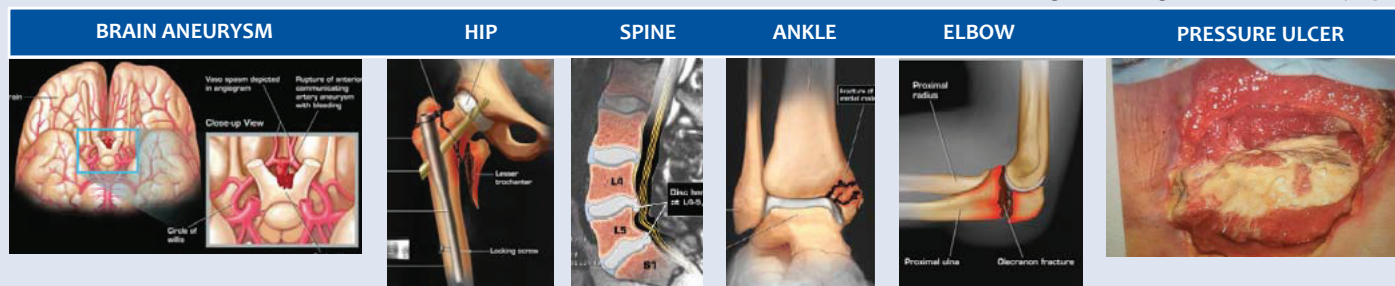


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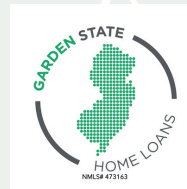
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When completing this application, in addition to checking the primary practice area boxes, be sure to indicate the specific areas of interest within each category. Remember that you should only indicate areas in which your practice, experience and education permit you to represent clients competently as required by the Code of Professional Responsibility. You will receive referrals in indicated categories only.

Thank you for participating in the Camden County Bar Association’s Lawyer Referral Service, and advancing our mission to provide legal service to those in need throughout our community.

Please indicate in which of the following areas of law you practice, have experience, and can competently represent a client as provided by Canon 6 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. All referred cases are subject to the percentage fee program as stated in paragraph 4c(b) of the LRS Rules. **Cases will be referred only in the areas indicated.**

COMMERCIAL

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| ☐ Banking | ☐ Insurance |
| ☐ Bankruptcy (☐ Debtor ☐ Creditor) | ☐ Labor Relations |
| ☐ Collections | ☐ Employees (<i>incl. wrongful discharge</i>) |
| ☐ Construction | ☐ Employers |
| ☐ Consumer Protection | ☐ Unions |
| ☐ Contracts | ☐ Non-profit organizations |
| ☐ Corporations | ☐ Partnerships |
| ☐ Debtor Defendants | ☐ Unemployment Compensation |
| ☐ Franchises | |

CRIMINAL

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| ☐ Expungments | ☐ Major Crimes (<i>White Collar</i>) |
| ☐ Juvenile | ☐ Municipal Court |
| ☐ Major Crimes (<i>Indictable Offenses</i>) | |

FAMILY

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| ☐ Adoption | ☐ Paternity |
| ☐ Child Abuse | ☐ Property Settlement Agreements |
| ☐ Custody/Visitation | ☐ Domestic Violence |
| ☐ Divorce Mediation | ☐ Domestic Relations |
| ☐ Support | ☐ DCP&P/DYFS Defense |
| ☐ Separation/Divorce | |

PROBATE

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| ☐ Decedent’s Estates | ☐ Guardianship/Incompetency |
| ☐ Elder Law/Medicare/Medicaid | ☐ Wills/Trusts/Estate Planning |

PROPERTY

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| ☐ Advance Directives (<i>Living Wills</i>) | ☐ Real Estate |
| ☐ Condemnation | ☐ Commercial |
| ☐ Condominium Law | ☐ Industrial |
| ☐ Landlord | ☐ Residential |
| ☐ Landlord/Tenant ☐ Commercial | ☐ Real Estate Litigation |
| ☐ Land Use Planning | ☐ Tax Appeals |

TORTS

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| ☐ Civil Rights | ☐ Products Liability |
| ☐ Intentional Torts (<i>Libel, Slander, etc.</i>) | ☐ Professional Malpractice |
| ☐ Negligence ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant | ☐ Accounting ☐ Legal |
| ☐ Nursing Home Abuse & Neglect | ☐ Architectural ☐ Medical |
| ☐ Police Misconduct | ☐ Dental ☐ Stockbroker |
| ☐ Prisoners’ Rights | ☐ Engineering ☐ Other _____ |
| ☐ Workers’ Compensation | |

SPECIALTY AREAS

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| ☐ Administrative Law | ☐ Identity Theft |
| ☐ Admiralty | ☐ Immigration/Naturalization |
| ☐ Animal Rights | ☐ International Law |
| ☐ Anti-trust | ☐ Military/Veteran's Affairs |
| ☐ Appellate Practice (<i>incl. Supreme Court</i>) | ☐ Name Changes |
| ☐ Asbestos Litigation | ☐ Neighbor Disputes |
| ☐ Business | ☐ Patents/Trademarks/Copyrights |
| ☐ Civil Litigation | ☐ Pennsylvania Matters |
| ☐ Class Actions | ☐ Pension Plans (ERISA) |
| ☐ Commercial Litigation | ☐ Securities |
| ☐ Constitutional Law | ☐ Social Security Disability |
| ☐ Computers/Technology | ☐ Sports |
| ☐ Disabled Persons | ☐ State Licensing |
| ☐ Education Law ☐ Special Education | ☐ Taxation |
| ☐ EMS, Fire & Dispatch Law | ☐ Victims of Violent Crimes Assistance |
| ☐ Entertainment | ☐ Other _____ |
| ☐ Health Care Law | _____ |

Certification

By executing this application, I hereby certify the following:

- I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of New Jersey;
- I am an active member in good standing of the Camden County Bar Association;
- I authorize any review of my records by the Lawyer Referral Service Advisory Committee relative to my participation in the LRS program;
- I am duly qualified to practice law;
- I have the requisite experience and competence to practice in the areas of law I have indicated for referrals as provided by the Code of Professional Responsibility;
- I will adhere to the recognized ethical standards of the Profession;
- I authorize the LRS Advisory Committee to examine any and all material presently on file, or which may hereafter be filed, with the appropriate District Ethics Committee during the period that I am a member of the LRS Panel;
- I carry legal malpractice insurance with minimum coverage of \$500,000/\$500,000 with a maximum deductible of \$5,000;
- I will provide a Certificate of Coverage with a 10-day cancellation clause to the Camden County Bar Association as a condition of my Panel membership. Said insurance shall be in force at all times during my term of membership on the Panel;
- I agree to be bound by all rules and regulations of the Lawyer Referral Service presently, or as may be modified in the future.

Signature

Date

Please return completed application, annual panel fee - payable to Camden County Bar Association - and Insurance Certificate to:

Camden County Bar Association

Lawyer Referral Service

1939 Marlton Pike East, Suite 120

Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

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Visit our website: www.camdencountybar.org



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The Camden County Bar Association has a number of committees that offer opportunities to network with peers, take advantage of timely discussions on specific areas of the law, give back to the community, and much more. Committee service also gives you a voice in the Association and helps you get the most out of your membership. If you are interested in participating on a committee, review the list below, check the committee(s) in which you have an interest, complete the information at the bottom, and email or fax it to Bar Headquarters. For Committee descriptions or if you have questions, call Bar Headquarters at 856.482.0620, or visit www.camdencountybar.org.

PLEASE NOTE: An email address is required if you have one. It is only used for committee-related correspondence, and will remain confidential.

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| ☐ Active Lawyers | ☐ Labor & Employment Law |
| ☐ Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) | ☐ Law Day |
| ☐ Bar Headquarters Operations | ☐ Law Practice Management |
| ☐ Bench-Bar (Federal) | ☐ Lawyer Referral Service (Advisory) |
| ☐ Bylaws | ☐ Mass Torts and Class Action Practice |
| ☐ Civil Practice | ☐ Membership |
| ☐ Civil Practice Bench-Bar Subcommittee (State) | ☐ Memorials |
| ☐ Commercial Litigation | ☐ Municipal Court |
| ☐ Continuing Legal Education | ☐ Personal Injury |
| ☐ Corporate, Banking & Business | ☐ Probate & Trust |
| ☐ Courthouse Facilities | ☐ Pro Bono Legal Services |
| ☐ Criminal Practice | ☐ Professionalism |
| ☐ Debtor-Creditor Relations | ☐ Public Benefits |
| ☐ President's Commission on Diversity | ☐ Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental |
| ☐ Education Law | ☐ Senior Lawyers |
| ☐ Elder Law & Disability | ☐ Superior Court – Special Civil Part |
| ☐ Family Law | ☐ Taxation |
| ☐ Government Liaison Health Law | ☐ Women In The Profession |
| ☐ Immigration & Naturalization | ☐ Workers' Compensation |
| | ☐ Young Lawyers |

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Firm Name and Address _____

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