

THOMAS A. HAGNER TO BE INSTALLED AS 99TH PRESIDENT



Friends and colleagues from the Bench and Bar are invited to join us aboard the Battleship New Jersey on June 12, 2025 for the annual gala Installation of Association and Foundation Officers and Trustees celebration to witness **Thomas A. Hagner** become the 99th President of the Camden County Bar Association. Hagner and the incoming officers and trustees will receive the oath of office from the Honorable Deborah Silverman Katz, A.J.S.C.

Hagner attended undergrad at University of Hawaii at Manoa earning his B.A. in December 2008. Hagner attended Rutgers School of Law – Camden, earning his J.D. in 2013. Prior to entering private practice, he served as a judicial intern and later as a law clerk to Hon. Deborah Silverman Katz, A.J.S.C. from January 2013 to August 2014. After completing his clerkship, Hagner went on to practice with the law firm of Hagner & Zohlmann, LLC focusing on complex commercial and business litigation, construction litigation, real estate and landlord/tenant law, and long-term disability/ERISA matters.

Tom has been an active member of the Camden County Bar Association since 2012, serving as Young Lawyer Trustee in 2017–2018 and as a Board Trustee since 2018, becoming Secretary in 2021. Tom is also a member of the American Bar Association, New Jersey State Bar Association, Pennsylvania State Bar Association, Burlington County

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LOUIS R. MOFFA, JR. NAMED 2025 PROFESSIONAL LAWYER OF THE YEAR



Camden County Award Named in Memory of Harvey M. Mitnick

Following a review of nominations received from Camden County Bar members, the CCBA's Board of Trustees is pleased to name **Louis R. Moffa, Jr.** the 2025 Camden County Harvey M. Mitnick Professional Lawyer of the Year.

Camden County's Professional Lawyer Award was named by the trustees in memory of past CCBA President Harvey M. Mitnick who

passed away in 2014. Harvey was the 1998 Camden County Professional Lawyer of the Year.

Moffa is a partner in the Litigation Department and member of several practice groups, including the Commercial Litigation Group, Construction Law Group, and the Labor, Employment & Immigration Group at the law firm of Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads, LLP.

A Camden County Bar member since 1988, Lou served as President of the Association in 2016-17 and President of the Foundation in 2018-19. He has served in many leadership roles for the Association including, but not limited to, Chair of the Hon. Peter J. Devine Award Committee.

Prior to joining Montgomery McCracken, Moffa was a partner in the Litigation Department of Ballard Spahr Andrews and Ingersoll, LLP. Before joining Ballard Spahr, he was a partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, where he managed the firm's Cherry Hill office for 10 years.

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COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

At the Camden County Bar Foundation, we believe our members are the driving force behind meaningful change. Your generosity and dedication advance our mission of serving the community.

This year, we are proud to enhance the safety and beauty of the Anna Sample House playground for the children it serves. Moving forward, we will select a new beautification project in Camden County each year. A lasting legacy of service to the local community.

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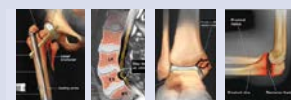
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Tentative Agenda for May 12 Board Meeting

A tentative agenda for this month's regular Board of Trustees meeting follows. The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. at Bar Headquarters and via Zoom. All meetings are open to the membership. Anyone interested in attending 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

Monday, May 12

CCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
4:30 p.m. — Kaminski's, Cherry Hill

Tuesday, May 13

CLE: Civil Practice Update
4 p.m. — Zoom

Thursday, May 15

CLE: Black Letter Blast on Criminal Law
4 p.m. — Zoom

Tuesday, May 20

Cocktails & Conversation
6 p.m. — Camden County Boathouse, Pennsauken

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Bar Association, New Jersey Association for Justice and American Association for Justice.

In the community, Hagner has served as Phi-Chi Chapter Advisor of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity since 2010, was President of its Board of Advisors from 2010–2014, and remains an active member. He has also served as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Riverton Country Club since April 2019.

Current Bar Foundation President **Rachael B. Brekke** will turn over the reins of the Bar Foundation, the Association's charitable arm, to **Steve Salinger**.

Oaths of office will also be administered to the new officers and trustees of the Association and Foundation. Among those assuming new duties will be **Jeanette Kwon**, President-elect; **Timothy S. Farrow**, Vice President; **Carly K. Fowler**, Treasurer; and **Michael J. Ward, IV**, Secretary. New and reappointed Association trustees include: **John A. Cianfrani**, **Adam L. Cohler**, **Kevin M. Costello**, **David E. Deitz**, **Erin S. Deitz** and **Tess Berkowitz**, who will serve as Young Lawyer Trustee.

Registration information is included in this issue of the Barrister.

Congratulations Tom, new officers and trustees! We look forward to another great year.

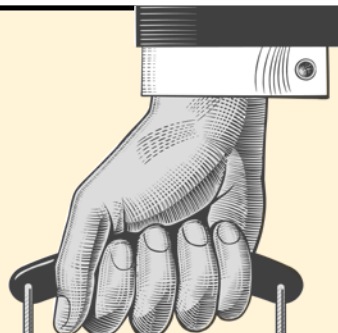
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Lou received a J.D., magna cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center where he was an editor of Law and Policy in International Business, the Georgetown International Law Journal. He graduated from Georgetown University with a B.S.B.A., magna cum laude.

Lou will receive his award on June 12 at the NJ Commission on Professionalism in the Law's annual awards luncheon at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township.

Congratulations Lou! Well deserved.



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

We're gathering updates for our next "Members in the News" feature. Send us your submission!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Join us for the Camden County Bar Foundation's annual **Children's Picnic on Saturday, June 7 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! Volunteers can register online and will receive additional information in the coming weeks as we approach the event.

All those interested in volunteering can contact Kara Graser at kara@camdencountybar.org or by going to our website at <https://www.camdencountybar.org/lrs-calendar>.




Installation Dinner Honoring

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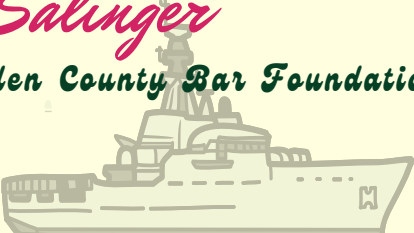
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This year's annual Installation of Officers Dinner will take place on **Thursday, June 12** aboard the **Battleship New Jersey in Camden, NJ**. Celebrating 144 years of service to the profession and community, the event will feature a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres and delicious dinner, along with music and program installing the new Officers and Trustees of the Association & Foundation.

Show your support as **Thomas A. Hagner** is installed as the Association's 99th President, and **Steven Salinger** is installed as President of the Camden County Bar Foundation. Pay tribute to Tom and Steve, and the other incoming officers and trustees, and thank them for the time and effort they give to both organizations by placing an ad to be featured on a loop on a screen at the Installation Dinner on June 12. Proceeds from the event and advertising support the Bar Foundation's many community service projects that improve the quality of life for local residents, such as parties and picnics for underserved children in Camden, scholarship awards for a graduating senior at each of Camden County's high schools, scholarship awards for deserving law students, and much more!

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CCBA President-elect Tom Hagner and Devine Award Committee Chair Lou Moffa present the 2024-25 Devine Award to Jenifer Fowler

The annual Devine Award Reception was a lovely spring evening celebrating **Jenifer Fowler** and **Michael Ward**, two attorneys recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Camden County Bar Association and broader community. Named after the late Judge Devine, the award represents the CCBA's highest honor.

Here are some photos of guests enjoying the celebration and honoring Jen and Mike.



CCBA President-elect Tom Hagner and Devine Award Committee Chair Lou Moffa present the 2024-25 Devine Award to Michael Ward



Abby Cohler and Judge Steven Polansky



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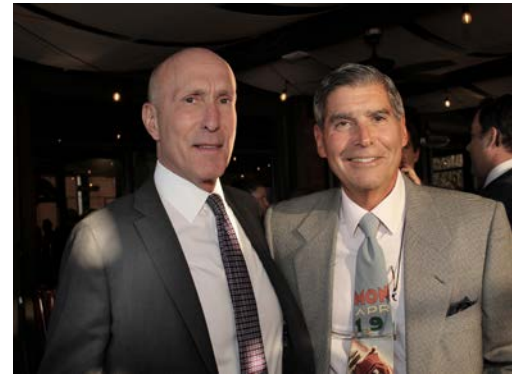
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Important Things to Know About Self-Settled Special Needs Trusts

by Thomas D. Begley, Jr., Esquire, CELA and Emily M. Schurr, Esquire

A Self-Settled Special Needs Trust (SSSNT), also referred to as a First-Party Special Needs Trust or a (d)(4)(A) Trust or (d)(4)(C) Trust, is commonly used in connection with personal injury settlements, inheritances, equitable distribution, or the receipt of alimony or child support. When drafting SSSNTs, consideration must be given to state and federal statutes and case law, as well as state regulations and the Program Operations Manual System (POMS) of the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Statutory Drafting Issues

There are several issues pertaining to statutory language authorizing the SSSNT that must be considered:

1. *Assets of the Individual.* The trust must be funded with the assets belonging to the beneficiary of the trust. In cases involving alimony, child support, or worker's compensation, payments can be irrevocably assigned to the SSSNT by court order.
2. *Under 65 Years of Age.* The SSSNT can be established for a person under 65 years of age. The document must be executed and funded prior to the beneficiary's 65th birthday. Additions to the trust cannot be made after the beneficiary reaches age 65. However, payments from a Structured Settlement Annuity in place prior to the beneficiary attaining age 65 can continue paying into the trust after this age.
3. *Disabled.* The beneficiary must be disabled as defined in the Social Security Act. The definition is as follows: "An individual shall be considered to be disabled for purposes of this subchapter if he is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death, which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve months, or, in the case of a child under eighteen, if he suffers from any medically determinable physical or mental impairment of comparable severity." Typically, a determination of disability is made by the SSA. An opinion letter from a physician may be sufficient to establish disability status. There is no requirement in the statute for a determination of disability by SSA.
4. *For the Benefit of Such Individual.* The trust must be established for the benefit of such individual. If other individuals benefit from the trust, they must pay a pro rata share of the expenses. For example, if two parents live in the home with one healthy child and one child with disabilities, the two parents and the healthy child must pay 75% of the cost of all expenses relating to the home. Reasonable compensation may be paid to trustees to manage the trust as well as costs associated with investments, medical or other services required on behalf of the individual.
5. *Established By.* The trust can only be established by a parent, grandparent, legal guardian, court, or the beneficiary (if the beneficiary has capacity).

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6. **Payback.** The trust must contain a payback provision providing that upon the death of the beneficiary, the State Medicaid Agency will receive all amounts remaining in the trust up to an amount equal to the total medical assistance paid during the beneficiary's lifetime. If more than one state paid for medical assistance, then all states must be reimbursed. Permitted deductions from the payback include death taxes paid from the trust to the state or federal government and reasonable fees for administration of the trust estate. The following expenses are not permitted prior to reimbursement to the State Medicaid Agency:

- Taxes due from the estate of the beneficiary other than those from inclusion of the trust assets in the estate for tax purposes.
- Inheritance taxes due to residual beneficiary.
- Payment of debts owed to third parties.
- Funeral expenses.
- Payments to residual beneficiaries.

If the SSSNT is terminated during the beneficiary's lifetime, the payback must occur at the time of the trust termination.

7. **Review of Trust.** The SSSNT must be submitted to the SSA and the State Medicaid Agency for approval at the time of its establishment and funding.

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The Camden County Bar Association Nominating Committee and Board of Trustees have nominated the following candidates for terms beginning June 1, 2025:

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Questions about the nominating process should be directed to Bar Headquarters at 856.482.0620.

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- ✓ 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 is the last opportunity to mix and mingle with colleagues and jurists in a relaxed, cheerful atmosphere until the Meet the Judges & Law Clerks Reception in September.

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Don't you Just Love Tax Surprises? Yeh, Right!

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

Was your recent tax return a major surprise to you as to the bottom line? We're just coming up for air from tax season (such is why the Lord made extensions) even though Marty Abo spent the entire morning of April 15th being deposited...

If you were caught off guard, it would seem that maximum utilization was not being achieved in the area of tax planning. You may have thought your 2024 estimates were on a "safe basis" based on prior year returns; However, amounts paid on estimates certainly don't guarantee the amounts due at year-end or even April 15th.

We certainly don't recommend prepaying taxes before payment is required. However, we believe that failure to know the approximate amount due means that total planning may not have been done. This lack of planning means you may or may not have achieved your optimum tax situation for the year. While we certainly recommend that any unusual situations and/or changes be discussed, we don't believe that this single circumstance discussion replaces total tax and financial planning.

Thinking about income taxes probably won't make your "top ten" list of favorite summertime activities. Still, it's not too early to begin working on reducing your 2025 liability.

Who should plan? Anyone who has a change that affects his or her tax return needs to consider total planning, not just a review of that isolated situation.

Here are a few ideas to get you going.

Take advantage of retirement plan options. In most retirement accounts the earnings are tax-deferred. (With Roth IRAs, they're normally tax-free.) Thus, the sooner you fund such an account, the quicker the tax advantage begins. If you can come up with the cash now, there's no need to wait until year-end or the April 15 tax-filing deadline to make your 2025 contributions. Plus, if you're self-employed and don't already have a retirement plan for your business, make this the year you resolve to set one up.

Monitor personal use of vacation homes. Renting a vacation home can help offset the cost of owning and operating the property. However, the vacation home rules generally limit rental deductions if the owner uses the property for personal purposes more than the greater of 14 days or 10% of the rental days during the year. Personal use includes any day the property is rented at less than fair market value and normally includes all the days the unit is used by the owners or their family members. By monitoring personal use for the rest of the year, you may be able to avoid the limitation on rental expenses and report a tax loss for the year.

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Match your investments with the proper time frame. Because of its volatility, the stock market may not necessarily be the place for short-term investments. Thus, funds that you'll need for a down payment on a house later this year, next year's tuition, or perhaps just to live on when you retire in two or three years may be best invested in something more conservative. Otherwise, you risk having to sell just when the bottom falls out of the market (yep, it could get worse). If you need to take some funds out of the stock market now, check with your tax or financial advisor to make sure you do it in the most tax-efficient way possible.

Selling rather than trading in business vehicles. The tax rules limit the amount of annual depreciation that can be claimed on most cars and light trucks. Thus, when it's time to replace the vehicle, it's not unusual for its tax basis to be higher than its value. Under rules prior to 2018, if you traded a vehicle in on a new one, the undepreciated basis of the old vehicle was simply tacked onto the basis of the new one. However, under those same old rules, if you sold the old vehicle rather than trading it in, any excess of basis over the vehicle's value can be claimed as a deductible loss to the extent of your business use of the vehicle. Under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), those old rules do not apply since, starting in 2018, the like-kind exchange treatment was limited to the exchange of real property. Many a client was caught off guard even as of today, since the exchanges of vehicles after Dec. 31, 2017 may involve a taxable gain or a loss. This gain or loss is recognized on the vehicle traded in depending upon the trade-in value and the remaining basis in it. The new vehicle's basis for depreciation will be its cost and will be subject to the new limits for depreciation of vehicles, which is significantly higher than the old limits. As we mentioned, while these rules have been in play for a few years, it is possible that many passenger cars that were placed in service before 2018 and are still owned may be considered ready for replacement. Regardless, if the tax basis in the car is more than the trade-in value, you can generate an ordinary tax loss. This could be large if there were prior trade-ins and luxury auto rules in play.

Gaming the generous standard deduction allowances. The 2025 standard deduction amounts are \$15,000 for singles and those who use married filing separate status, \$30,000 for married joint filing couples, and \$22,500 for heads of household. If your total annual itemizable deductions for 2025 will be close to your standard deduction amount, consider making enough additional expenditures for itemized deduction items between now and year-end to exceed your standard deduction. That will lower this year's tax bill. Next year, you can always claim the standard deduction, which will be increased to account for inflation.

Hiring children to work in your practice (or in any family owned business) Whether the decision is right for you involves several considerations, including your possible plans for passing the practice or the business to

future generations, your child's interest and skills, and your views on how much support a parent should provide versus encouraging independence. However, employing your children can offer significant advantages:

1. **Reduced Income Taxes:** Children, especially minors, often fall into lower income tax brackets than their parents. Paying wages to your children can allow you to shift some of your taxable income to them, thus reducing the family's overall tax burden. If "kiddie taxes" apply (a tax assessed on unearned income at the parents' tax rate for those under age 24), they may be eliminated altogether if the child's wages provide more than half of their support. In 2025, a dependent child could have a standard deduction of up to \$15,000 on earned income, meaning this amount could be tax free. The next \$11,925 would be taxed at 10%.
2. **Payroll Tax Savings:** If your practice is a sole proprietorship or a partnership with only you and your spouse as partners, employing children under age 21 can lead to payroll tax savings. Wages paid to children under 21 are exempt from FUTA tax, and children under 18 are also exempt from FICA tax. Also, these wages reduce your self-employment (SE) income, thereby reducing SE tax. These exemptions, however, do not apply to businesses structured as C or S corporations or partnerships with partners other than your spouse.
3. **Funding an IRA for Your Children:** Paying wages to your child allows for IRA contributions. For 2025, the contribution limit for a traditional or Roth IRA is \$7,000. Roth IRAs are particularly advantageous for children with low current tax rates and a long investment horizon, as they allow for tax-free earnings. Funding a Roth IRA can also aid in saving for college, as the contributions (not the earnings) can be withdrawn tax free for education expenses.
4. **Succession Planning:** It's crucial to prepare for the eventual transition of any business, even a law or accounting practice, to the next generation. The success of this transition depends on having a capable and experienced successor. If your children are your intended successors, involving them in the business well before the transition is vital. This involvement builds confidence among key employees and ensures a smooth transition.

You should make sure that wages paid to your children are comparable to what you would pay a nonfamily member for similar work, as the IRS may scrutinize this. The work should also be appropriate for your child's age and skills. While young children may work only a few hours weekly at around minimum wage, older children can handle more responsibilities and earn higher wages. Also, fair labor laws should always be considered.

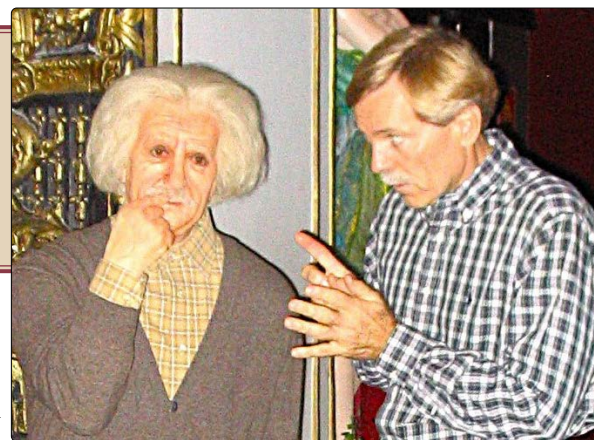
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WINE & FOOD

By Jim Hamilton



Most know **Eric Feldhake** as a shareholder at Haddonfield's Kulzer & DiPadova where he puts not only his J.D., but also his M.B.A. and LL.M to good use in a practice that focuses on tax and estate law. Others may have worked with Eric on bar matters since he served as a trustee of our Foundation and co-chairs our Association's Tax Committee. Perhaps fewer, however, know about Eric's involvement in the world of wine, and since he recently opened a bar and retail liquor store in Wildwood, it seems particularly timely for us to explore Eric's wine interests in greater detail by asking some questions he graciously agreed to answer.

Q. I suspect most of your colleagues aren't aware that you recently were installed as President of The American Wine Society, an organization that promotes wine appreciation through education, so let's start our interview by highlighting this achievement. How did you become so involved in the world of wine, and was it that interest that led you to acquire the Wildwood Daze Saloon and Retail (Wildwood Daze), previously known as Spill the Wine?

I was installed as the president of the American Wine Society (AWS) January 1, 2025, for a two year term. The AWS is a 7,000 member national wine educational society that I have been a member of since 2002.

Lauren, my wife, is the "cause" of my interest in wine with a little help from the Army Reserves. Lauren took me to a wine and cheese pairing at the Restaurant School in Philadelphia while I was in Law School at Temple University hosted by Greg Moore, Sommelier of Le Bec Fin and now owner of Moore Brothers. The night paired 8 Loire Valley wines with 8 Loire Valley cheeses. I was hooked. Couple that with 9 military annual trainings to Germany and a military teaching assignment at the JAG School in Charlottesville, VA where I was afforded plenty of opportunity to visit wine regions in Germany, France, Switzerland, and Virginia.

Q. I entered the world of wine through the back door of Germany, using the Frank Schoonmaker book, *The Wines of Germany*, as the diving board for that plunge. I know in your military career you spent considerable time in Germany, undoubtedly having access to many of its wines, and we have shared a glass or two at German Wine Society events. While you obviously have a broad interest in wine, do the wines of Germany occupy a special place in your personal collection and store inventory?

Indeed, the wines of Germany have a special place in my heart as well as cellar. Five of my Great Grandparents were from Germany and Alsace, France. I have friends in Germany including winemakers I visit regularly and have been a judge in the Frankfurt International Wine Trophy since 2023.

Wildwood Daze has over 35 German, Alsatian, and Austrian wines. I believe I have the largest selection of Germanic wines in South Jersey. My private cellar is heavily weighted toward German wines, many that will outlive me.

Q. There has been some progress in changing the view many Americans have about German wines based upon their experience with Blue Nun, Black Cat, or cheap Liebfraumilch sold in blue bottles. However, whether due to the perception that German wines are simple and sweet, or because the labels may be difficult to understand, broader consumer acceptance seems to remain a challenge for U.S. retailers. A store or bar serving summertime shore visitors or residents might be well-positioned to feature German wines, particularly those that are fruit-driven, lower in alcohol, and generally good warm weather sippers. Has that been your experience so far?

The "perception" German wines are sweet and simple is unfortunate, but common. German wines are typically a hand sale, but occasionally customers come in knowing their high quality, versatility, and great value. German wines usually require a personal explanation of their virtues. I try to keep at least one bottle of a German wine as a glass pour at the bar. I have several customers to whom I have sold German wines coming back regularly to buy more.

Q. In addition to the warnings required by the Alcoholic Beverage Labeling Act of 1988, the Surgeon General now is recommending a further warning be placed on bottles, not unlike that required on tobacco products, that alcohol can cause cancer. Meanwhile, wine sales already have been slumping due to such factors as a changing demographic, with younger people favoring ready-to-drink cocktails and spritzers, the promotion of and interest in non-alcohol substitutes, the availability of cannabis, and more. How does a retailer who is serious about wine handle such seemingly difficult hurdles?

Highlighting the low alcohol content of wines is one way. German wines typically have an ABV% of 12% or less. Sweet German wines are regularly 7%-9% ABV%. Cold climate wines are usually lower

in alcohol bringing them in under 13%, when the Californian and South American reds will regularly top 14%.

Q. Your store sells wines that not only include the big brands made for mass consumption but also many wines that appeal to collectors or more discriminating palates. Do you have plans for selling the higher-end wines that more serious wine drinkers desire by attracting them to the store and/or enticing them to buy online?

Yes, the store has allocated and hard to find wines from Burgundy, Italy, Napa Valley, and Champagne that are collectible. Many are not on the floor but in climate-controlled storage. This summer the store will attempt online selling. I am involved with several wine groups outside of the AWS, including the German Wine Society (with you and Linda), Dionysians, and the Wine Guys where I have developed relationships that have led to customers of collectible wines. The size of the store allows me to purchase special opportunities in smaller quantities knowing my friends will want to purchase these opportunities.

Q. Many wine-centric stores have one or two knowledgeable salespeople who often also have a role in selecting the wines their store will carry. Whether they are casual consumers or more dedicated wine fans, customers often rely on these staff members for advice. Do you find that having someone who is wine savvy on the floor is important? If so, while your expertise surely rivals or exceeds that of most of your competitors, since your time at the store or bar is limited by the demands of your practice, have you hired or trained employees who can fill that role when you are not there?

I am the only employee at Wildwood Daze with strong wine knowledge. I have "attempted" to train my daughters who work with me at the store, but they are coming along slowly.

Q. Your bar seems more like television's *Cheers* than one of the mega taverns or sports bars that offer food, fun, and games to play or watch. Does the Wildwood Daze have a kitchen to provide food to complement the drinks, or televisions or games to entertain patrons who, perhaps, may want to spend a summer afternoon or evening watching a Phillies game?

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 Defendant's Atty: Christopher Marcucci, Esq.
 L-2175-22 Jury

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 L-820-23 Jury

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 Judge: Judith S. Charny, J.S.C.
 Plaintiff's Atty: John Wilson, Esq.
 Defendant's Atty: Michael Hagner, Esq.
 L-1976-24 Bench

WINE & FOOD

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We have 3 large screen TVs which are tuned into sports, a couple of games, and lots of snacks, but no kitchen. There is not enough space, but I am looking into offering cheese and charcuterie.

Q. Do you envision Wildwood Daze as always being a part-time diversion from the stresses of practicing law, or might this be a step toward a post-law career?

I expect it will continue as a diversion for the near future. As Wildwood develops there may be opportunities to expand, and the potential for a year-round operation, but not at the moment.

I am surprised how much I appreciate the practice of law after one season of running Wildwood Daze!

Many of us have hobbies or passions we enjoy but never manage to share with more than family and friends. Like another lawyer, Robert Parker, whose love of wine led to writing a newsletter that eventually became one of the world's most influential wine publications, *The Wine Advocate*, Eric is investing his time and money into transforming his passion for wine into an enterprise that allows him to reach and teach others about something that became a big part of his life outside the legal arena.

Anyone looking to enjoy a glass at the bar or shop in person can visit Wildwood Daze from May to October at 4100 Atlantic Avenue in Wildwood. Anyone wanting to pass the bar with Eric can find him there Thursday evenings (with organized tastings) through Sunday afternoons. Look online at www.WildwoodDaze.com for retail and bar events.

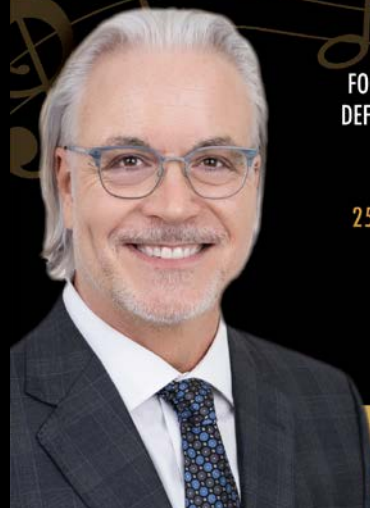
I thank Eric for sharing the details behind his personal wine plunge and look forward to following his wine adventure wherever it may take him.

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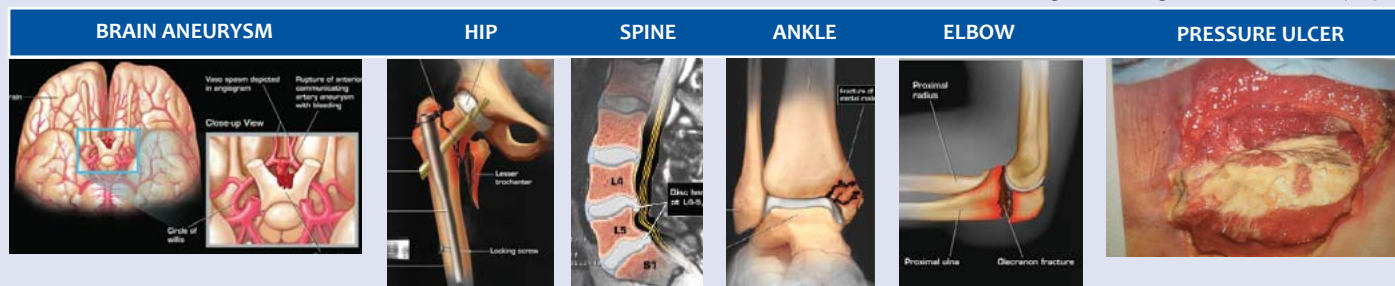


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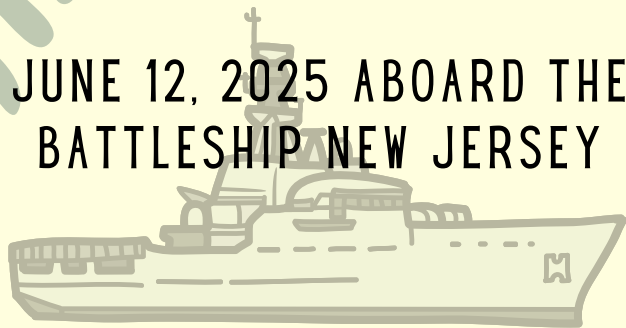
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CAMDEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Panel Application 2025-2026 (*for new and renewing members*)



Please Print

Annual Panel Fee:

☐ \$100 admitted 1-5 years

☐ \$200 admitted 6+ years

Name

Firm

☐ Partner ☐ Associate ☐ Of Counsel ☐ Other (*please specify*) _____

Principal Office Address

Office Telephone

Office Fax

Email

Office Hours

Law School

Degree(s) Received - Year(s)

Year Admitted to the New Jersey Bar

Other Court Admissions & Dates of Admission

☐ Will accept evening appointments

☐ Will accept weekend appointments

☐ Will travel to meet with client

☐ Will accept collect calls from client

☐ Will meet with client in jail, if necessary

☐ Fluent in foreign/sign language (*please specify below*)

Malpractice Insurance Carrier

Malpractice Coverage Amount (minimum \$500,000/\$500,000)

Malpractice Deductible Amount (maximum \$5,000)

Malpractice Insurance Expiration Date

LRS Practice Categories

The LRS has 5 primary categories and over 35 special area categories. Each is considered a separate panel. Referrals within each panel rotate on a strict “next up” basis, with the only exceptions being those described in Rule 5A. Rotations occur within the 5 primary categories by the subgroups listed. Applicants should indicate each specific area of the law in which he/she wishes to receive referrals by checking the box next to all areas from which referrals are sought.

Referrals rotate within each of the special area panels independently of the others. For example, if a panelist requests referrals in all of the 5 primary categories and in 5 special categories, he/she will rotate within 10 panels simultaneously. This attorney could possibly receive referrals from each panel independent of the others according to the rotation. Once a referral is made in any one of the subcategories of a primary panel, the attorney will automatically be moved to the bottom of the rotation for that category.

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 remit to the Camden County Bar Association a 10% portion of any fee-generating case over \$500 obtained through the Lawyer Referral Service;
- 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

Via email: ndemarco@camdencountybar.org

Via mail: 1939 Marlton Pike East, Suite 120, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Questions?

Call 856.482.0620 or email ndemarco@camdencountybar.org

Visit our website: www.camdencountybar.org



CCBA Committees

Invest in Yourself...Invest in Your Association!
Get Involved on a Committee

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. It is only used for committee-related correspondence, and will remain confidential.

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| ☐ 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 |
| ☐ Diversity, Equity & Inclusion | ☐ Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental |
| ☐ Education Law | ☐ Senior Lawyers |
| ☐ Elder Law & Disability | ☐ Superior Court – Special Civil Part |
| ☐ Family Law | ☐ Taxation |
| ☐ Government Liaison | ☐ Wellness |
| ☐ Health Law | ☐ Women In The Profession |
| ☐ Immigration & Naturalization | ☐ Workers' Compensation |
| ☐ Labor & Employment Law | ☐ Young Lawyers |

Name _____

Firm Name and Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Office Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Fax _____

Email to: kara@camdencountybar.org

Fax to: 856.482.0637

Mail: Camden County Bar Association
1939 Marlton Pike East, Suite 120
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Your membership in the Camden County Bar Association offers you the following exclusive benefits:



CONNECT WITH 2,000 COLLEAGUES

- + Exclusive membership directory searchable by name, practice area or firm - FREE for members
- + Networking opportunities at members-only receptions and dinner, virtual speed-networking and mock interview events
- + Practice-related committees to connect you to other attorneys in your practice area



BOOST YOUR CAREER

- + Join the Lawyer Referral Service which makes some 2,000 referrals annually
- + Network and learn at our 30+ live seminars per year, offering NJ and PA CLE credit
- + Exclusive meet and greet events with the Camden County judiciary
- + Speaking and volunteer opportunities at seminars and legal clinics
- + Job board highlighting career opportunities
- + Camden County ID Card for easy access to the Camden Courthouse
- + Monthly publication, The Barrister, and weekly e-newsletter keeping you in-the-know on everything from Notices to the Bar to developments in the law
- + Member portal where you can register for events, manage your referrals, connect with colleagues, track CLE and renew your membership



SAVE MONEY

- + Discounts on CLE seminars - CCBA members save 60-75% on CCBA seminars vs. many competitors and approximately 30% vs. non-members
- + Discounts on office supplies, payroll, payroll services, telephone services, IT services, banking, publications, and more



ACCESS TO OUR PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

- + Advice and information for lawyers
- + Law firm website and marketing experts
- + Webinars and seminars for attorneys from accountants, financial planners, marketing experts and more



YOUR PARTNER FOR GREATER PURPOSES

- + You make a difference. We make it easier. Connect your profession with your passion through our charitable arm - Camden County Bar Foundation - with service initiatives that touch the lives of our local community
- + Leadership opportunities on the CCBA's Board of Trustees
- + Leadership and volunteer opportunities with the Camden County Bar Foundation

BY THE NUMBERS:

+ **2,000 members** of the South Jersey legal community

+ **Over 140 years** of service to the profession and community

+ **30+ seminars** per year offering NJ & PA CLE Credits

+ **1,182 cases** referred to 54 participating LRS members

+ **Over \$35,000** contributed to the local community in the last year through the Camden County Bar Foundation

"The most helpful webinar I've ever attended, thanks CCBA."

Survey respondent



"I appreciate the wide range of services and charitable opportunities."

Survey respondent

QUESTIONS?

or need help renewing your membership?

Contact Nick DeMarco at
856.482.0620



Supreme Court of the United States



Camden County Group Admission Ceremony January 21, 2026

Camden County Bar Association members in good standing are invited to join President Thomas A. Hagner in Washington, D.C. for the Association-sponsored **Group Admission Ceremony** before the Supreme Court of the United States on **Wednesday, January 21, 2026**.

Qualified candidates must have been admitted to practice for a minimum of three years in the highest court of any state, territory, district, commonwealth, or possession. Admission forms are available by **emailing kara@camdencountybar.org** or at **www.supremecourtus.gov**.

A ***Certificate of Good Standing*** from the Supreme Court of New Jersey can be obtained through the **[NJ Courts Annual Attorney Registration and Payment System](#)**. Use the Good Standing/Other Certificate tile to submit your request. It takes approximately three weeks for certificates to be processed and mailed, so plan accordingly to meet the deadline.

To participate in the ceremony, your **completed application, Certificate of Good Standing, and \$200 admission fee** made payable to the Supreme Court of the United States must be received at Bar Headquarters no later than **Friday, November 7, 2025**. Prospective admittees should also include a **separate check** in the amount of **\$300** to the Camden County Bar Association as a registration fee for the trip, which includes a **private reception in Washington D.C. on Tuesday evening January 20, and continental breakfast at the Supreme Court immediately preceding the admission ceremony**. ***Note:*** Guests may register for an additional fee of \$150 per adult guest (children under 10, no charge). Include guest(s) name when submitting registration forms.

PLEASE NOTE: Admittees are limited to **ONE GUEST** in the courtroom for the ceremony; **Cameras and mobile phones are not permitted in the courtroom.**

**Admission is limited to just 12 people.
Sign up TODAY for this experience of a lifetime!**