

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



By Michael J. Dennin

It is a high honor to serve as the 93rd President of the Camden County Bar Association and help lead our Association and build upon what has come before me. We have a

wonderful slate of Officers and Trustees in our Association and Foundation that are leading with me, arm by arm, moving forward in this next year.

Are you helping to give back to the people of Camden County? The short answer is **YES**. By attending and supporting the events of the Association and Foundation you are helping provide children with coats for the winter, helping to provide gifts to children who otherwise may not have them during the holidays, helping inner-city children experience what better-off children encounter on a daily basis, helping to raise funds for disabled children at a special needs school, helping Veterans who need transitional housing, helping serve the homeless at a food kitchen, helping with meals for families at Thanksgiving that do not have a true holiday meal, helping lawyers meet one another and become better attorneys, helping the public who cannot afford a lawyer's representation, helping foster camaraderie between the Bench and Bar, helping throw holiday parties for homeless families at a women's shelter in Camden, helping to show law students and young lawyers that there is much more to law than textbooks and exams, helping to recognize long-time lawyers who have given so much to so many.

Each year is a challenge. Congratulations to Ron Lieberman on leading our group during what was a year of change. We saw our Executive Director, Larry Pelletier, retire and we were fortunate enough to have Kara Edens take the reins as Executive Director. Kara has sparked us to be different and to grow. Kara is a wonderful person who pours her heart into our group each day. Ron led us through a challenging year as we faced obstacles such as declining membership, budget constraints, and competition from other legal education providers. Ron never batted an eyelash and was fit for the challenge.

Lou Moffa did a wonderful job as Foundation President, just as he had done as the Association President. Our new Foundation President, the Honorable Stephen Holden (Ret.), is someone we all admire and respect not only for his demeanor when he was on the bench, but for his love and passion for our cause since his retirement. We look forward to working together towards the common goal of helping the citizens of Camden County.

We fondly remember Denise Whybark, who sadly passed away last year, and thank her for her contributions to the Bar Association for so many years. Denise always had a smile on her face and was a bright light during her years with us. We will not forget her. Roseanne Riley has stepped up to the challenge, as has Krystal Widman, who help run the ship.

I cannot say enough about my fellow officers and trustees. They are available at every turn and are vocal members of our leadership. Our young lawyers are shining stars. We have the most committed group of young lawyers that

I have seen. They do GREAT things, including helping in many of the ways I previously mentioned. I will stand side-by-side with them throughout this year and highlight the future of our organization. We look forward to continuing to foster fellowship with the Judiciary and Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz. We have wonderful partners in progress now and will be rolling out a new program soon. We will be unveiling a brand new, interactive website thanks to Premier Legal Marketing. We will continue to work with the local press and newspapers to highlight the great things that attorneys do for the community.

In a time where people do not necessarily think of "helping" when they look for a word synonymous with "lawyer," we will work to help change that attitude through our actions, and not just our fancy legal words. We will continue to grow and be helpers. We will overcome the challenges we face. But we need your help. You are a member because you care about the people in our County and because you all understand that there is much more to lawyering than billable hours and verdicts. You are a member because you care; and we care about you. To that end, I encourage you to reach out to me any time over the next year with questions or suggestions at mdennin@ciecka.com or (856) 665-5709.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to seeing you at many events this year.

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Valuing a Law Practice Seminar



The Camden County Bar Association recently sponsored a luncheon seminar on May 21, 2019 entitled "A Primer to Valuing a Law Practice." The seminar featured speaker Martin H. Abo, CPA/ABV/CVA/CFE.