

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

LET'S GO!

By Michael J. Dennin



The words of prophet Foles ring true to our Camden County Bar Association. While our Super Bowl MVP moved on to greener pastures, we have embraced his love of friendship, camaraderie and

have formed our team.

What a blast we had at the Installation of my fellow officers and trustees back in June. Thank you to everyone who attended the installation, who placed ads to fill our ad book, and to those who love and support our Bar but could not make the event. We had a good start to raise funds for all the great things the Foundation and Association do throughout the year.

While the summer is normally quiet at the Camden County Bar Association, we decided to ramp up our spirit and use this valuable time to take stock in what we have and need and to plan our year. We sizzled this summer and are on track to hit the ground running.

And what a year we are having thus far. In two short months we have already had 2 board meetings, a meet and greet social event, the wonderful **Marty Abo** again graciously hosted us at his unique home for the Festivus III, we met with Rutgers Camden Law school faculty, held the Children's Picnic at Challenge Grove Park, the Young Lawyers Committee sponsored Phillies outing and a networking happy hour, we selected our 2019 Professional Lawyer of the Year (hint it is a former Bar President), met with the Judiciary twice, toured the Larc School, and will soon visit the Rutgers Law students, and have lunch with the new law clerks of the Superior Court—Camden Vicinage. As you can see, we have been nose to the grindstone and there's so much more to come.

I cannot say enough about **Kara Edens**, our new but old but new Executive Director, our CLE Coordinator and Lawyer Referral Service Manager **Roseanne Riley** and our Member Services Coordinator **Krystal**

Widman. They have been spending vast amounts of time in all these areas and are just a pleasure to work with.

Our past President **Ronald Lieberman** has left the Camden County Bar Association on solid footing and did a great job in what was a challenging year.

Let me also mention that **WE HAVE A BRAND NEW WEBSITE!** Many thanks to **Premier Legal Marketing** for being a Partner in Progress and creating this beautiful website. We have rolled out a new member directory available only to our members and partners. For \$50 per practice area you can benefit from referrals from other Camden County Bar Association attorneys and help boost your social visibility. Our partners at Pennworth Financial have been great in helping us with our employee benefits and our investment planning. Investors Bank has been there at every turn in helping sponsor events and helping members with their banking needs. Marty Abo is a one of a kind human and accountant and a great partner in our Bar.

I have spent hours forming our committees for the year. We have made changes, adding new committees and reforming old committees. The committees are our lifeblood in presenting CLEs and in being a conduit to our Judiciary and Presiding Judges. We will meet in early September in what will be a very productive meeting and CLE planning event.

We have an all-star Young Lawyers Committee once again. I cannot say enough about them. These young lawyers are the most enthusiastic I have come across and genuinely love what they do, and they are the future of our Bar Association. Our new YLC Chair **Chris Keating** is a highly respected attorney and former Attorney General Prosecutor. He is also a trustee for the New Jersey State Bar Association and is all-in on the goals we have for our Bar.

I invite everyone to attend our **Opening of Courts & Memorial Service on September 9 at 9 a.m. in Courtroom 63 of the Hall of Justice**. This event

honors and remembers the friends and colleagues we lost over the past year. It is truly special. The honorees are remembered by a close friend or family member and those in attendance are treated to a glimpse into their life – not just as an attorney, but as a person. We are thankful to the Court for helping us to continue this great tradition and we ask that our members join us to remember our friends and colleagues on September 9.

Don't miss our renowned and highly anticipated **Meet the Judges event on September 24**. We have a new venue this year which is in a central location, has plenty of parking and is newly remodeled – The Camden County Boathouse

Last but not least, we have one of my favorite events coming up on **September 15—the Lobster Bake** which benefits disabled children from ages 3 – 21 at the Larc School. I will not steal Chris's thunder in discussing Larc but I will echo his thoughts on how great a place it is.

In all we see and read on social media, news outlets, and with all the things going on in our world, it is easy to be pessimistic and to get down. But we at the Camden County Bar Association and Foundation see the world in a completely different light. We know the importance of what we do and how we help people. We know how to overcome challenges and how to make positive change in this world. So jump on Board with us, and **Let's Go!**

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Nominations Sought for Devine Award

The Hon. Peter J. Devine, Jr. Award Committee is accepting nominations for this year's award. The Devine Award is the highest honor afforded to the membership and is bestowed upon a member for distinguished service to the Camden County Bar Association. The Committee is chaired by Past President **Louis R. Moffa, Jr.** Please use the Devine Award Nomination Form included in this month's Barrister to nominate a colleague who has provided distinguished service to the Association and the legal community in Camden County. **Nominations must be received by October 31 to be considered.**

