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A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Thursday, October 21, 2021

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Antonio Romanucci, & Hon. Gloria Coco





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DION U. DAVI

My Fellow Justinians:

It is an honor to be your President during our Centennial Celebration year, and we have a lot to celebrate. For 100 years, the Justinian Society of Lawyers has been a driving force in ensuring Italian-Americans are recognized, respected, and revered in our communities for not only our culture and great cuisine but as hardworking professionals and leaders. While our Society has supported the legal community for the last century, we have also always had a strong presence in Society and civics at large.

A lot is going on during my Presidential year. The year started with the Installation of Officers in May at the Chicago Yacht Club, which was the first "in-person" bar function in the area. A very special thank you to Immediate Past-President Judge Regina Scannicchio and to the many hands that helped put the event together making it a lot of fun while keeping everyone safe during a global pandemic. It was great to finally get back together, break bread, and reunite with our extended *famiglia*.

On the exact date of our initial charter, we celebrate our Centennial today, October 21, 2021 at the Galleria Marchetti. This is a huge accomplishment for our Society. We want to thank every one of you who have come celebrate with us, especially all the Past-Presidents and our brothers and sisters from DuPage County, Lake County, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, and Ohio. It is down to our Past-Presidents that we are able to celebrate our Society's 100 birthday. These are the men and women that are the pillars upon which we stand today and why the generations to come will have a place to support one another professionally, culturally, and personally.

Additionally, we thank all the donors generously supporting our "100 for \$100,000" initiative helping to secure our next 100 years. Each \$1,000 donation to our Endowment Fund will ensure we continue to assist children's charities and provide scholarships to assist our future attorneys with the cost of law school.



We are doing other great things this year for the Italian American community, including taking on the fight against the Chicago Park District (and the Mayor's Office) to return the Columbus Statue to Arrigo Park. Members of our Society - Enrico Mirabelli, Frank Sommario, Anthony Onesto and myself - are part of a legal team to advise the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans and represent it in its litigation against the Chicago Park District. JSOL also celebrated Columbus and his accomplishments with a beautifully decorated Centennial float in Chicago's Columbus Day Parade. Thank you to all Justinian families and friends who packed the float showing Chicagoans and the Mayor our Italian American pride that has been ever-present for a century.

Another great event that will round out the close of 2021 is our Honorary Night on November 18, 2021, at Gibson's Italia, wherein I will be presenting the Award of Excellence to our Past-President and my good friend, Frank Sommario. Frank's involvement and tireless work for the Society, our profession, and Italian-Americans at large has been an inspiration to many and make him such a well-deserving recipient. We will also be presenting our Justinian Society Law Student Scholarships that night as well as honoring the members of the bench that have been Justinian members and supporters of the Society.

My father, Umberto Davi, joined the Justinian Society of Lawyers in 1982 when I was almost 12 years old. I had the fortune of being at his installation as President of the Society in 1995. During those many years, he would occasionally bring me to the dinner meetings, and I remember that everyone was so inviting, the food was always great, and it felt like sitting at my Nona's dining room table. Mostly, I remember going to the Como Inn, which makes it only fitting that we celebrate our Centennial with the Marchetti family. JP Marchetti, his team at Galleria Marchetti, and the members of the Centennial Committee have worked hard to ensure that our Celebration is one that will be remembered for the next 100 years.

Thank you for being a part of this historical year. Your presence at our events and support of our initiatives is vital to the Society's continued growth into the next 100 years!

Grazie Mille! Ciao!!

Dion U. Davi, President, Justinian Society of Lawyers, October 21, 2021



The mission of the Justinian Society of Lawyers is to:



Foster a spirit of collegiality through social and professional events;



Promote the professionalism of its members;



Participate in civic and community affairs so as to ensure the enduring respect of the legal system.

BASED ON REPORT OF THE HONORABLE
George L. Quilici DATED October, 1968

By 1921 there were about 40 Italian lawyers. Their offices were in the lower-rent older buildings (now gone) on north Clark, Dearborn and LaSalle Streets.

Many were in the Ashland Block (155 North Clark) present site of the Greyhound Bus Station; others in the City Hall Square Building, now part of the site of the new Civic Center, and in the Reaper Block (north-east corner of Washington and Clark Streets), and in similar buildings. With few exceptions, they were all north of Madison Street.

On the other hand, the large law firms that represented big business and industry, the banks, insurance companies and the railroads, were all south of Madison Street — the "line of demarcation."

THE JUSTINIAN SOCIETY

In the fall of 1921, John De Grazia called a meeting of lawyers, in his offices in the Ashland Block, for the stated purpose of organizing a bar association of Italian lawyers. 30 answered the call.

The Justinian Society of Advocates was chartered by the State of Illinois, on October 17, 1921. (The name was amended to Justinian Society of Lawyers — on September 3, 1953.)

On the charter, the incorporators are: John De Grazia, Helen M. Cirese, Joseph R. Orrico and George L. Quilici.

De Grazia, the founder of the Society, was elected President, two terms, and served 1921-1923.

The original officers and members were:

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◆ *2021 Award of Excellence,* ◆
Judges & Scholarship Honorary Night

Thursday, November 18, 2021

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM



Gibsons Italia

**233 N Canal St,
Chicago, IL 60606**

\$50 students, \$60 members, and \$70 non-members



Frank A. Sommario
Award of Excellence



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Children's Endowment Fund Dinner



March 17, 2022

6:00 pm Cocktails | 7:00 pm Dinner

LUXBAR, 18 East Bellevue, Chicago

Member – \$70.00 | Non-Member – \$80.00 | Student Member – \$60.00

Please join us for a special evening celebrating the contributions of time, talent and resources, given by Justinian Society of Lawyers Members to further the Children's Endowment Fund and its mission to assist and aid disadvantaged or disabled children, without regard to ethnicity, race or religion.

Registration and payment online facilitates an enjoyable check-in experience, and is greatly appreciated.

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we are a Family!*





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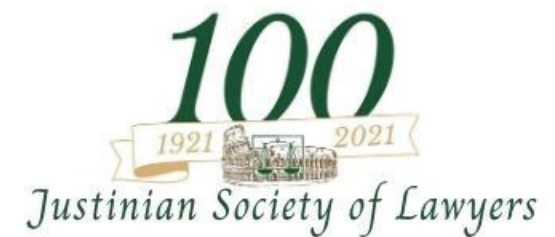
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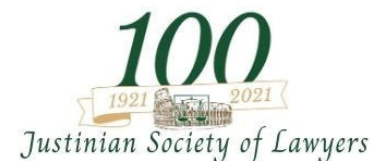


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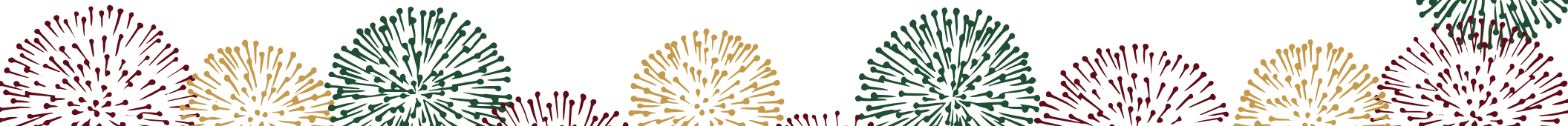


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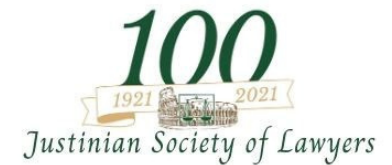


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MEMORIES OF PAST PRESIDENTS

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



In September 1981, was one of the most memorable and joyous day of my legal life, next to the day I found out I passed the bar exam and the day I was sworn in on November 18, 1964, in Springfield, Illinois.

To be selected by your peers to head the greatest ethnic bar association in America is awesome.

The installation dinner in September 1982 was the largest attended ever. There was 780 people in attendance. The affair was so large it had to be moved from the Palmer House to the Americana Congress Hotel.

I was fortunate enough to convince Joseph Cardinal Bernardine to accept an award from our Society which was not easy to do since at first he thought this was a political event. I explained that he was dealing with and interpreting Canon Law and this was an organization that dealt with Common Law.

That same year we started a perpetual fund with \$40,000.00, which I believe is still in existence.

Once again I am truly honored to have served as president and still remain an active member. I thank all past and present members and wish the best success to all present and future members. Grazia Tante!

JACK P. CERONE, PAST PRESIDENT (1981-1982)



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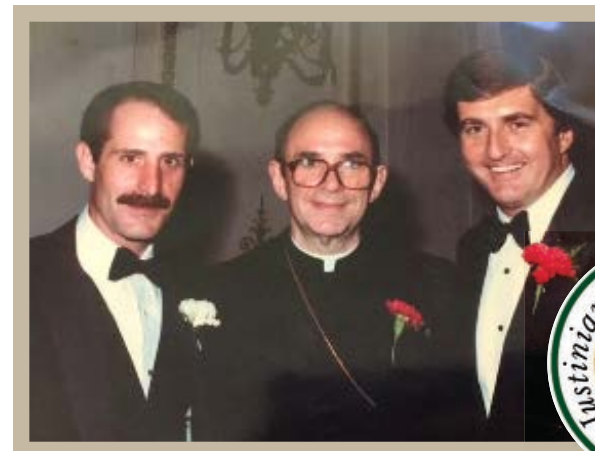
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

It was 1982 and the Justinian Society had become one of the most influential ethnic Bar Associations in Cook County. Under the leadership of past presidents Leonard Amari, Jack Cerone and Charles Porcellino, young Italian American lawyers and law students were provided the opportunity to meet, learn, and enjoy companionship with Italian American Judges and attorneys willing to share their time and experience. A significant stream of mentoring was established by the Society before Mentoring took on greater significance within the legal community in later years. Influenced by Judge Gerald Sbarbaro in 1983, the Justinian Society took on a significant role in the formation of a National Italian American Bar Association. It was a time of forming personal and professional relationships that have lasted a lifetime. ***Che Dio vi Benedica.***

RICHARD CAIFANO, PAST PRESIDENT (1982-1983)

At the installation dinner as President of the Justinian Society, I had the honor of introducing "The Prince of the Church" Joseph Cardinal Bernardin. His story parallels many of ours. A story of a hardworking family struggling to see the dream of their son come true. Accompanying myself and the Cardinal is Cook County Alderman Frank Damato.

HON. BRUNO J. TASSONE, RET., PAST PRESIDENT (1984-1985)



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My involvement with the Justinian Society of Lawyers has been richly rewarding to me professionally and personally. Although I have been involved in a number of bar associations during my legal career, including as a past President of the Illinois State Bar Association, none has had more of an impact on me than the Justinian Society, for which I was honored to serve as President in 1992-93. The deep personal long-lasting relationships I have developed with other Justinian members, including all of those who have served as President, have immeasurably enriched my life.

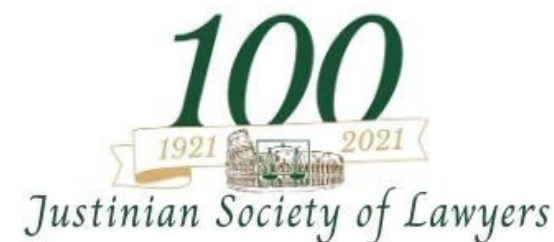
I was proud to serve as President during what was the “quincentenary” (500th anniversary) of Columbus’ voyage from Europe across the Atlantic to what is now known as the Americas. There was considerable controversy even then about Columbus as a positive image for Italian-Americans, which I addressed in my inaugural speech, concluding that the positive outweighed the negative. During my term I was proud to have created a Membership Directory with information about members’ practice areas to create a more meaningful resource for the Society including as a referral network, expanded the role of Nina Albano Vidmer as Executive Assistant, whose efforts were invaluable in developing the Society as a more efficient and professionally run organization, and was especially honored to have (finally) turned over the Presidency of the Society to a woman -Gloria Coco - the first in its then 72 year history to serve in that role.

I am proud to be a lawyer, and equally proud of my heritage, and was fortunate and honored to have celebrated and displayed that pride as a Justinian President.

JOSEPH BISCEGLIA, PAST PRESIDENT (1992-1993)

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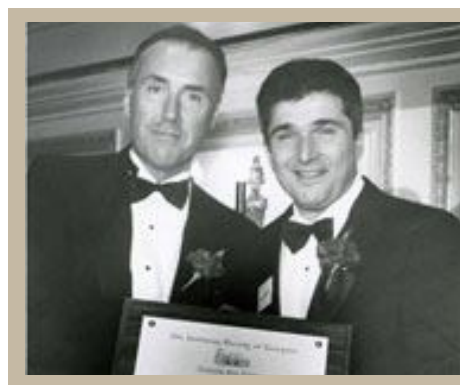


As a young lawyer, with no friends or family in the profession, Richard Caifano, my law school trial professor, invited me to a Justinian Society of Lawyers luncheon. It was there that I met men and women who would be a part of my personal and professional life for the next 40 years. Those men and women became my “older brothers and sisters”, as well as those with whom I have grown up with in the legal profession. To this day, in many cases they are my first call when I have something to celebrate or when I must share sad news. To this day, I remember my first meeting and I am forever grateful to Richard for the invitation and grateful for the friendships I have made throughout the years!

SALVATORE J. TORNATORE, PAST PRESIDENT (1985-1986)

My experience as President of the Justinian Society was filled with great feelings of pride and camaraderie with other Officers, Members and Past Presidents. As President, I established a schedule of speakers, so that each monthly dinner had an educational component, which was valuable to all lawyers, but especially the newer lawyers. It was not only an educational experience, but an opportunity to network with the speakers who were leaders in the legal community. My experience as a Justinian and Past President has led to lifelong friendships which I treasure.

JOSEPH M. GAGLIARDO, PAST PRESIDENT (1994-1995)





My experience as Sometime in the year of our Lord 1960, around 5-6pm, at 10 years of age, I attended my first Justinian Society of Law yers (JSL) event in the Chicago Room at the Legendary Como Inn with my father, Samuel J. Coco, who was one of the original members of the JSL. I do recall how his colleagues like Mr. Yelmini, John Meccia, James Montana, Mr. Mirabella, Dominic Tesauro, Al Gallo, Carl Cipolla, and Victor Cacciatore, just to name a few, embraced their professional fellowship while celebrating their Italian and Sicilian Heritage coupled with the practice of law!

Often during college, and throughout law school, I attended a number of JSL events which heightened my commitment to the philosophy and importance of Ethnic Bar membership. One day while walking down La Salle Street with my father, he introduced me to a very special attorney Richard Caifano, and the rest is history.

As a young female lawyer in the 80's, I was blessed to experience the fellowship, support, and mentorship of my JSL colleagues who guided, encouraged, and lauded my professional goals. Since women in the law were not as plentiful as now, my fellow Justinians were the brothers, I biologically never had...Justices Scariano, Gigante, Rizzi, Judges Cipolla, Barbaro, Porcellino, Tassone, DiVito, and Pope, Attorneys Amari, Cerone, Caifano, Tornatore, DePalma, Caldarazzo, Locallo, Monico, Erbacci, Gagliardo, Ferraro, Davi, Allegratti, and Bisceglia, etc., etc., etc.!

In 1988, President Joseph F. Locallo afforded me the great honor to become the first female secretary since the JSL was chartered in 1921, with ascendancy to the Office of President in 1993. The Honorees of the 1993 Annual Installation and Awards Dinner were Geraldine Ferraro, the First Woman Vice Presidential Candidate of the USA, and actor Dennis Farina who both enhanced the grandeur of the event. Sadly, my father and mother Sam and Grace Coco both died the year before. However, I felt their spirit of celebration and pride the night of my installation as President!

As President, I introduced the First Justinian Mass and Brunch, the calendar cards, and the first Ethnic Bar Presidents Pot Luck Dinner attended by a great JSL supporter, Steve Anderson of the ISBA. The Justinian Society of Lawyers enhanced my professional endeavors, and afforded me the opportunity to cultivate life-long friendships!

HON. GLORIA G. COCO, RET., PAST PRESIDENT (1993-1994)



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P - I had great pride in being able to assume the role of president of an organization consisting of so many talented judges, lawyers, and other professionals from other bar associations and other ethnic groups.

E - We have, to this day, enjoyment in celebrating the essence of the Italian ethnicity with food, holidays, traditions, and an introduction to varied cultural distinctions from Italian region to region.

A - There is the affirmation that Italians play a significant role in Chicago's history and future as well as the history and future of the State of Illinois and the United States of America.

C - We create a continuation of the traditions of our founding members and our ancestors with the opportunity to pass these traditions onto succeeding generations.

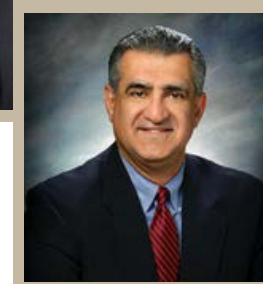
E - I have had the privilege experiencing life at its fullest by living life, not only through my family and our profession, but also through a close community of ethnically related lawyers whose presence, and essence, was instilled in me so deeply from the time I joined the Justinian Society of Lawyers to the time I became one of its past presidents in 1996.

ANTHONY B. FERRARO, PAST PRESIDENT (1996-1997)

During my presidency of the Justinian Society of Lawyers, a few of the things that stand out to me include the family trip we took to Washington D.C. and our tour of the White House. We also hosted a very successful golf outing that set a record at the time with a net profit of \$16,000.

Continuing in our traditions, we had a Justinian Family Mass at Casa Italia. In December, we enjoyed "The Ballo Di Natale," a wonderful Christmas black tie dinner dance held at The Drake Hotel. I recall at one point during a break from karaoke, we could see across to the gazebo at Oak Street Beach where a young couple was getting engaged. It was a fantastic way to help the Society move from one millennium to another in 1999-2000.

JAMES J. MORICI, JR., PAST PRESIDENT (1999-2000)



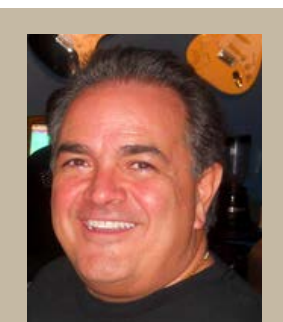
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Leading the Society, even for a brief time, is an honor equal to none, and I have served 3 Governors and a U.S. President. The spirit and camaraderie of the men and women who make up this organization are the qualities that make us better people. As a President, we simply hold the wheel as the members steer toward friendship and success. May the next 100 years blaze new trails and chart new courses.



**THOMAS M. BATTISTA,
PAST PRESIDENT (2003-2004)**



I was raised as a traditional Italian-American daughter with parents who believed deeply in education and encouraged me to find mentors who I could trust, learn, and benefit from. From day one of law school, I joined the Justinian Society and became the great beneficiary of the members' wisdom, knowledge, friendship, mentorship, coaching, and opportunities I never imagined. But standing on the shoulders of incredibly supportive feminist men and a few women (there were only a few at the time!), I strived to achieve what they believed I could and immersed myself into the Justinian Society.

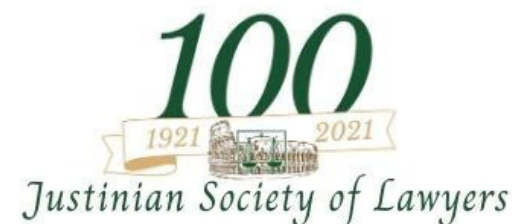
Hard work? Yes. But I loved every moment of working together with Justinians for the common good.

Without judges like Gino DiVito and Anthony Scariano and lawyers like Leonard Amari and John Locallo, I would not have become a Justinian Society president and certainly not a judge. They broke barriers for themselves, and for Justinian sisters and daughters like me. In 2006, I was only the third female president, so it is rewarding to see other women follow and achieve the dreams of our visionary founding members.

JUDGE CELIA (GUZALDO) GAMRATH, PAST PRESIDENT (2006 - 2007)

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The Justinian Society meant a great deal to me, especially early in my career. I became a student member my first semester of law school and never looked back. I attended virtually all of the monthly meetings and dinners and my mentor was Joe Gagliardo, and we are still close friends. Being active in the Society allowed me to become an officer through the appointment process as recommended by Thomas Battista, president at that time. I took my role quite seriously and did what I could to make my presidency, 2008-2009, as welcoming and open to new membership as possible. That said, during my presidency I made it a point to visit every Illinois law school and encourage membership. The golf outing, as is usually the case, is at the beginning of one's term and having it at Oak Creek Golf Course in OakBrook with Illinois Supreme Court Justice Robert Thomas as my awardee made it rather special.

That was accented further by the Installation Dinner, as usual at the Palmer House. Retired Illinois Supreme Court Justice Moses Harrison, a dear and special friend, provided me the honor and privilege of swearing me in that evening. It was made even more special by having Joe Gagliardo, along with Vince Lombardi Jr., son of the legendary football coach, as my awardees. At my request, Mr. Lombardi, a lawyer and public speaker, made the trip from Arizona to Chicago in order to be a part of the Justinian Society dinner. The entire year was a highlight of my professional career and concluded with the May 2009 meeting wherein Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas Fitzgerald accepted my invitation to swear in the new slate of officers. I was delighted to have Judge Robert Bertucci accept as the newest officer in the Society. As stated, I truly valued and appreciated all the members of the Justinian Society and did whatever I could to further its goals. I felt richly rewarded by the experience. None of this could have been without the generous love and support of my family: my wife, Pearl; my daughter, Mary; and my son, Nicholas. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

MAURO GLORIOSO, PAST PRESIDENT (2008-2009)



I was honored to be 5th woman President of the Society during its 90th Year Anniversary. My presidency was the first legacy as my father was President of the Society back in 1978-1979. Since then, we have had a few more legacies including Vito and Anita DeCarlo, Anthony Fornelli and Natalie Petric, and Umberto and Dion Davi. During my year, I implemented, with the assistance of Past President Richard Caifano, the newly formed Mentoring Committee with the Illinois Supreme Court approved CLE credits for the lawyer-to-lawyer mentoring program. Lastly, we launched an innovated website in the fall of 2011 allowing the Society to advance to the 21st Century.

KATHERINE AMARI O'DELL, PAST PRESIDENT (2011-2012)



In November of 1969, I attended my first Justinian meeting - in those days they were held on the second floor of the old Chicago Bar Association building at 29 S. LaSalle in the Presidents' Room on the second floor. I didn't know any attorneys, none, and certainly no Justinians. I walked into the meeting knowing a soul. I walked to the bar and there were two young lawyers standing there and, like me, also their first meeting, Dick Caifano and the late Charlie Porcellino. We were best friends and colleagues from that moment on.

Tony Fornelli was the president, who figuratively and literally put his arms around me and served as my role model, mentor and friend for the next 50 years, along with other giants of the profession and our Italian lawyers' organizer at that time, such as Vito DeCarlo, Larry Pusateri, Fred Lambruschi, Gerry Sbarbro, Angelo Mistretta, Jack Cerone and many others. Everything I accomplished as a lawyer and bar leader, I owe to these people and other members our beloved Society. My best friends are brother and sister Justinians.

All my partners are active Justinians, five of the seven of us had the great honor of serving as Justinian Presidents. In no small part, we have a successful boutique law firm (exclusively real estate tax reduction work) because of the support and referrals of our brother and sister Justinians. God bless the Justinian Society of Lawyers and its members.

LEONARD F. AMARI, PAST PRESIDENT (1978-1979)

Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Moses W. Harrison (second from Left) receiving the Justinian Mentoring Award upon his retirement from the bench, pictured with (l to r) Dom DiFrisco, Judge Tony Scottillo and Leonard F. Amari.



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The theme for my presidency year was “Generosity and Humility”. I had explained that “Generosity” was defined as “the quality of being kind, understanding, and not selfish: the quality of being generous; especially: willingness to give money and other valuable things to others”, and that “Humility” was defined as “the quality or state of not thinking you are better than other people: the quality or state of being humble.” In addition to the work we do as lawyers, the Justinian Society of Lawyers has always helped others such as by giving scholarships to needy law students, giving grants to entities that aid disadvantaged or disabled children, and mentoring young lawyers, as we once were those young lawyers who needed that very same help and mentoring. This to me is what we as the Justinian Society of Lawyers are, should be, and continue to be. We “practice” law in our areas of law throughout our career and we always can better ourselves and continue to learn more through CLEs, research, and experience. Throughout our Society today, we continue to have many examples of those who are generous in their giving of money and time and as well as by being humble.

FRANK A. SOMMARIO, PAST PRESIDENT (2016-2017)





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My time as the President of the Justinian Society is a time I will always look back upon with the fondest of memories. Those memories stay with me because of the deep connections and friendships I've made with so many fellow Justinians. I feel a great sense of pride to have served as the Society's President. I only hope that I made some impact and represented the Society and its members in a deserving light.

MICHAEL F. BONAMARTE IV, PAST PRESIDENT (2017-2018)



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Pictured: Joseph F. Locallo, Jr. (Past President), Catherine (Caifano) Locallo (Treasurer), Joseph F. Locallo III, Leonard Amari (Past President) and Richard B. Caifano (Past President)

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WHEREAS, The Justinian Society of Lawyers furthers the public good via its Endowment Fund, which has a mission "to contribute positively to the community by supporting young people aspiring to practice law and by providing for children in need";

WHEREAS, The Justinian Society of Lawyers has contributed immeasurably to the work of the organized bar in the State of Illinois;

WHEREAS, a significant number of members of The Justinian Society of Lawyers have been very active in the Illinois State Bar Association, and a number of them have served with distinction as President of the Illinois State Bar Association, including, but not limited to, Lawrence Pusateri, Michael Coccia, Leonard Amari, Cheryl Niro, Joseph Bisceglia, John Locallo, Richard Felice, and Umberto Davi;

WHEREAS, The Justinian Society of Lawyers has enriched the Illinois legal community through its members' diverse backgrounds and viewpoints;

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021, The Justinian Society of Lawyers will gather to officially celebrate its 100th anniversary;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois State Bar Association hereby applauds and congratulates The Justinian Society of Lawyers on the celebration of its 100th anniversary; and

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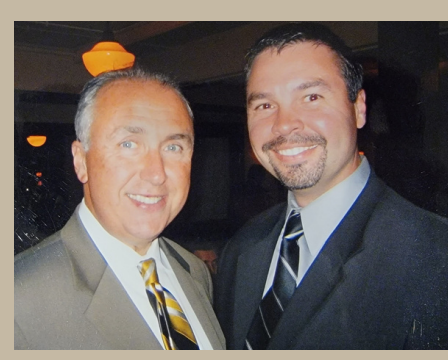
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in charge, the lively evening got under way.

Sparkling Lida Da Valle, show-stopper actress of the two-night run, ate, again stepped out and won her way into every heart. Her vocal virtuosity was the work of Mario Lanza proved sensational.

A brilliant young lady making her Midwest debut was not less than a star.

Just back from entertaining troops overseas, Christine Corbally was really something special. Her voice is as sweet and exciting as the is. With her sang "Mamma," the crowd jumped for joy.

After the camera caught Mrs. Frank Annunzio, wife of the Congressman, presenting a dinner to the two girls, the girls were Mrs. Benedetto-Toni Benvenuto. She had come all the way from New Jersey, accompanied by her daughter.



Ecco ai prossimi 100 anni!
(Here's to the next 100 years!)

