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President's Message

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.

There is a lot going on during my year and I hope that you will support our initiatives and programs that will make the Centennial a year to remember and one that will leave a long-standing impression on all bar associations across the country. The year started with the Installation of Officers in May, which was the first "in-person" bar function in the area. We had wonderful weather to compliment the very picturesque setting at the Chicago Yacht Club. A very special thank you to Immediate Past-President Judge Regina Scannicchio for securing the venue and to the many hands that helped put the event together in less than five weeks and made the event a lot of fun while keeping everyone safe. It was great to finally get back together, break bread, and reunite with our extended famiglia. These are difficult times and your presence at our events and support of our initiatives is vital to the Society's continued growth into the next 100 years.

As you have hopefully seen from our emails and social media posts, we have our Centennial Celebration scheduled for October 21, 2021 at Galleria Marchetti, which is exactly 100 years to the day of our initial charter. This is a huge accomplishment for our Society and we want EVERYONE to come celebrate with us, especially all the Past-Presidents of our parent organization and our brothers and sisters from DuPage County, Lake County, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, and Ohio. It is our Past-Presidents that are the reason we are able to celebrate our Society's 100th 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. Galleria Marchetti has graced us with the use of their entire facility located at 825 W. Erie in Chicago, which means we have plenty of space indoors and outside to take all necessary precautions and safely socialize and celebrate this momentous occasion. The event will have carving stations, open bar, live entertainment, reflections of the past, and plenty of interaction. PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY FOR THIS HISTORICAL EVENT at Justinians.org.

This year obviously is committed to celebrating our Centennial but I am also working on a few initiatives to secure our next 100 years. A major part of that is the "100 for \$100,000" program. I am looking for 100 people to donate \$1,000 so that we can raise \$100,000 to be placed into the Children's Endowment Fund and the Law Student Scholarship Fund. The addition of \$50,000 into each Fund will ensure that we can provide assistance to children that are in one way or another involved in the legal system



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DION U. DAVI
PRESIDENT



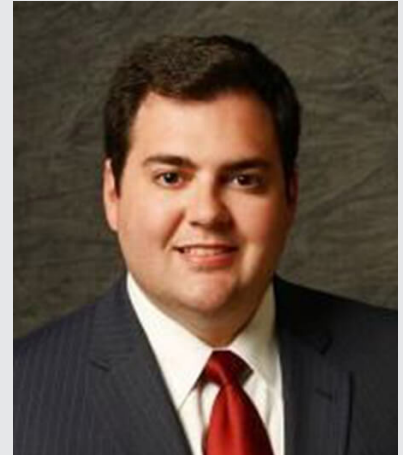
Dion U. Davi is the founding attorney of Davi Law Group, LLC, which concentrates in the areas of family law, criminal law, estate planning, and motorsports law with offices in Naperville, Wheaton, Plainfield, Chicago, and Joliet. Dion received his Juris Doctor from The John Marshall Law School after attending DePaul University, where he received his B.A. in psychology. He has served as an officer, including the President, of the DuPage Justinian Society of Lawyers. He has also served on the Board of Governors of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Board of Directors of the DuPage County Bar Association. Dion has received recognitions as an Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Star 2010-2013, Illinois Super Lawyer 2015-2021, and Law Bulletin 2015-2021.

BRUNO M. MARASSO
1ST VICE PRESIDENT



Bruno R. Marasso is a Partner at Romanucci & Blandin, LLC, where he focuses his practice in the areas of automobile collisions, wrongful death, premises liability, police misconduct and institutional misconduct. Bruno has served on the Assembly of the Illinois State Bar Association and is an active member of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and the American Association of Justice. He has been named as an Emerging Lawyer by Law Bulletin Publishing Company every year since 2017, a Rising Star by Super Lawyer every year since 2018, and One to Watch by Best Lawyers. In 2018 he received the Trial Lawyer Excellence Award by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company. He lives in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago with his wife Maria and sons Eddie Bruno and Ronan Joseph.

MICHAEL D. PISANO
2ND VICE PRESIDENT



Michael Pisano is an associate in Ice Miller's Litigation Group where he prosecutes and defends civil litigation matters with an emphasis in representing owners and construction professionals in claims for breach of contract, defective construction, construction delay, personal injury and property damage. He received his Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from The John Marshall Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review. Among his many scholarships and awards were the Lupel & Amari Scholarship and the Justinian Society of Lawyers Scholarship. He has been an active Justinian since law school, serving on the Executive, Newsletter, Membership, Website and other committees. He has been recognized by Super Lawyers as a "Rising Star" from 2014 to 2020.

BRIAN T. MONICO
3RD VICE PRESIDENT



Brian T. Monico is a principal with the law firm of Hale & Monico, which focuses on wrongful death, professional malpractice, personal injury and civil rights cases. He previously served in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. A graduate of Fairfield University and the Loyola University Chicago School of Law, he earned a Philip H. Corboy Fellowship and Thomas F. and Patricia A. Bridgman Scholarship and was a member of the Corboy Trial Team while in law school. A member of the Executive Board of the Chicago Bar Association's Lawyer's Lend a Hand to Youth, he chaired the Young Lawyers section of the Center For Disability and Elder Law. Brian has been recognized as an Emerging Lawyer, Super Lawyer, Leading Lawyer and one of 40 under 40 Attorneys to Watch.

CATHERINE R. LOCALLO
TREASURER



Catherine R. (Caifano) Locallo is a partner of Robbins Schwartz law firm. Her primary area of practice is labor and employment law. Catie received her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from The John Marshall Law School in 2009, Order of John Marshall. She has received recognitions as Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Star 2015-2018. Catie has been a mentor to law students over the years and serves as co-chair of the Justinian Society of Lawyers Endowment Fund Scholarship Committee. She also serves as a member of Oakton Community College Paralegal Advisory Committee, the Triton College School of Business Advisory Legal Committee, and the Board of Directors for the Glenview Stars Hockey Association. Catie resides in Glenview with her husband Joe and is a proud Mom to sons, Jack and Tommy.

MICHAEL R. BERTUCCI
SECRETARY



Michael R. Bertucci is an Associate at Phillips Law Offices where focuses on personal injury, wrongful death, and medical malpractice cases. He previously served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Jesse G. Reyes of the Illinois Appellate Court. Michael earned his Juris Doctor in 2017 from Chicago-Kent College of Law where he received the CALI Excellence for the Future Award in multiple classes. He was an active member of the Justinian Society throughout law school, serving as the Chicago-Kent Justinian Vice-President. He also received the Morici-LoBello Family Memorial Scholarship from the Justinian Society in 2014 and 2015. Michael went on to serve on the Executive Committee of the Justinian Society and on the Scholarship Committee of the Diversity Scholarship Foundation. He and his wife live in Lakeview and they are expecting their first child.

2021 Installation





President's Distinguished Service & Dedication Award

May 20, 2021

Awarded to Nina Albano Vidmer

"For your many valuable contributions to the growth of the society and its membership. For your loyalty to the mission of the Justinian Society of Lawyers and your integral role in the success of the society. For your care, compassion and guidance given to each of the officers of the society. In gratitude and recognition for 29 years of distinguished and dedicated service to the Justinian Society of Lawyers."

Hon. Regina A. Scannicchio, President, Justinian Society of Lawyers 2020-2021

When I thought about how to introduce Nina Albano Vidmer, our dedicated and distinguished service award recipient I realized she touched the lives of so many Justinians, I could not do it alone - so I asked our past presidents to best describe Nina, this is what we learned. Here are a few messages:

From Judge Celia Gammrath: "Smart, dedicated, caring, patient, trustworthy, family, wind beneath our wings."

From Mauro Glorioso: "I always remember Nina as a great source of information. She was the one person I would go to get answers to a myriad of questions on the budget, membership and other matters. I relied on Nina very much to the point where in my last meeting as President in May 2009, I presented her at the meeting with an award for service. I wanted to make it a surprise and she was both surprised and happy-Mauro"

From Vince Vidmer: "At the center of Nina is a person who genuinely cares - about her business, clients and the people she assists in the various organizations she manages. Great job Mom, your dedication to the Justinian Society is admirable and we are all proud of you."

From Jessica DePinto: "For so many years, Nina guided our officers - she was the engine that kept future officers moving forward. A pleasure to work with Nina and heartfelt wishes for her next chapter! Thanks, Jessica"

From Richard Caifano: "Nina Albano Vidmer. Just the thought of you brings a smile of gratitude. Always ready to work diligently and selflessly putting us at ease with answers and a sense of humor to fit the moment. We are so fortunate to have known you and to have had you with us these many good years. A Dio benedico. Richard"

From Frank Sommario: "Nina, I just wanted to personally congratulate you on a much deserved recognition for your 29 years of service. From my first meeting that I attended as a law student in 1997, you were always very welcoming to me and to other new members, law students, and guests. Over the years, we have worked very closely together and became great friends so I personally have seen all of the hard work you have performed over the years. I want to especially thank you for your service and for being a friend! Salute!"
Love, Frank A. Sommario



From Joseph G. Bisceglia: “Nina started with the Justinian Society at the time I assumed the Presidency in 1992, and since then has made all the difference in the world to the Society’s operation, organization, and effectiveness. We all recognized back then that busy lawyers as officers of the Society could not be relied upon to attend to the day-to-day activities necessary to make the society operate effectively. She has been the “glue” that kept the Society strong since she started. She not only has performed her role superbly in every respect, but at the same time has acted with incredible grace and patience with a sometimes difficult constituency. Nina, we love you and will miss you at the helm, but I sure hope we see you often notwithstanding.”
Sincerely, Joe Bisceglia

From Judge Gloria Coco: “Nina Albano Vidmer’s and NAV’S dedication, commitment and performance endeavours on behalf of the Justinian Society of Lawyers deserve the greatest of accolades! For many years, Nina and her staff provided the JSOL with much more than administrative tasks. Nina’s generosity of spirit and personal touches, instilled a vital spark in the fellowship of The Justinian Society of Lawyers! Thank you Nina for sharing your extraordinary gifts, which benefited the JSOL on a multitude of levels, and will continue to do so for many years to come.”
Sincerely, Judge Gloria G. Coco, Ret.

It is clear that Nina devoted her heart, soul and talents to the Justinian Society for 29 years. Some of the Past Presidents and Nina literally grew up together managing and building the successes of the society. From day to day operations, financial growth, to social events - Nina was always there with a smile, kind word and hard work to get everything done with perseverance and grace.

The Justinian Society shall be forever grateful for the dedicated and distinguished service Nina gave to the society!

May & June 2021 CLE



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Courtroom Technology

CLE - WEBINAR

Brian Monico
Treasurer of the Justinian Society of Lawyers,
CLE Chair, and principal with the law firm of Hale & Monico

Wednesday, May 19, 2021
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CST)
Free to JSOL members
\$50 for Non-Members*

Third Vice President, Brian Monico shared strategies for courtroom presentations and provided simple, yet effective ways to present evidence in this past May's CLE Webinar. As a distinguished leader in the development and use of computer-generated graphics and electronic presentations to juries, Brian shared his ability to incorporate current technology into his trial strategy. This has been quite successful for Brian and those on the webinar benefited from his expertise.

The June CLE, given by Justinian John J. Lag, was an insightful overview of the models of dispute resolution, the role of the mediator, and defining negotiation. Mr. Lag's "The Art of Purposeful Mediation" presentation empowers thoughtful resolutions to solve disputes that help to avoid litigation. From the application of the principles to the elements: mediation truly is an art form.



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The Art of Purposeful Mediation

June 16, 2021 | CLE - WEBINAR

John J. Lag

Participants: Michael R. Bertu..., Matthew Kromm, Nicole Pisano, Lisa Longo, Natalie Petric, Robert Bertucci, John Scotillo, Regina Scannic...

ELDER LAW UPDATE

The First Step in Asset Protection for Seniors: Revise Your Powers of Attorney Before You Become Frail or Need Long-Term Nursing Home Care - A Reprise

By Anthony B. Ferraro

Do you have powers of attorney in place?

I have mentioned this in prior Justinian Society Newsletters, and I know it sounds simplistic, but perhaps the most important document that you can have before becoming frail or needing long-term care is the power of attorney for property and financial matters.

Why is this power of attorney so important?

69-70% of people in the United States are expected to require assistance with some type of long-term care, whether at home or in an institutional setting.

A power of attorney is a legal document where one person called the "principal" authorizes another person called the "agent" to act on their behalf regarding either financial or health related decisions.

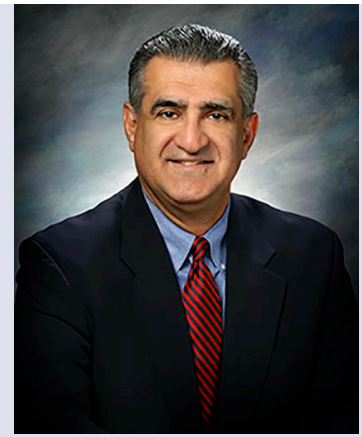
Without these powers of attorney in place, no one may have the legal authority to act on behalf of a frail person's behalf and therefore a guardianship proceeding may become necessary. A guardianship proceeding is conducted in court and establishes a legal relationship where a person(s) is appointed by the court (usually a family member) as the guardian of the person that will have the power to make

health decisions for another; usually called the Ward. The same person may also be appointed by the court as the guardian of the estate and can then make financial decisions and handle the financial assets of the Ward.

Guardianships can be expensive. They require the opinion of a physician and the appointment of a Guardian ad litem. Guardian ad litem is a court-appointed attorney who acts as the eyes and ears of the judge. Guardianships also require many process formalities and judge's orders. These matters are strictly observed to ensure that the Ward is protected. This is all well and good, and we are all fortunate to have a legal system that can help serve those that are disabled and may not have had the opportunity to put in place powers of attorney. However, you may avoid this entire process by having a valid power of attorney for property and finance matters and/or a valid power of attorney for healthcare matters. Not only would that process be avoided but all affairs pertaining to your person and your estate can be streamlined while you may be temporarily sick, disabled, or if you need long-term care.

How many different types of powers of attorney are there?

In Illinois we have two types of



powers of attorney: one for health and one for property and financial matters.

Sometimes these documents are called statutory powers of attorney and at other times these documents are called durable powers of attorney. The difference lies in the type of form selected to draft the power of attorney and the content of the document. Most of the time we recommend you stick to the Illinois Statutory Short Form Powers of Attorney (one for health and a separate one for property) because these are the type of forms that doctors, other health providers, banks and financial institutions most readily recognize.

Can I create my own powers of attorney?

Yes, you can.

However, they may not contain the necessary language that Elder law attorneys put into such documents such as: the power to make specific types of gifts to family members. This is necessary for tax minimization or for seeking asset tested government benefits like Medicaid. Other important language may deal with the power to remove and add assets to trusts, the power to

apply for public benefits and the power to appeal any decision on public benefits. Standard power of attorney forms generally do not have these provisions built into them. By not having this language in place, many are missing out on government benefits and asset protection.

How old should you be when you start executing powers of attorney?

Upon becoming 18 years of age.

Most people do not realize that once a child has reached age 18, no one, including parents, can make either financial or medical decisions for their children without legal documents, such as powers of attorney, authorizing this decision-making power.

Thus ask your children to get powers of attorney in place immediately upon turning 18 years of age.

Are their risks with Powers of Attorneys?

Yes.

However, many practitioners believe that having powers of attorney in place, with the appropriate safeguards, is less risky than not having powers of attorney at all.

So, what are the risks and the appropriate safeguards?

Since a power of attorney for property and financial matters authorizes your agent to be able to make disbursements of money on your behalf, this power, like any power, can be abused.

To prevent, or at least minimize the risk of a rogue agent from abusing their power, it may be useful to put restrictions in the powers of attorney for property and financial matters, including but not limited to, the following, as examples:

the agent could be required under the terms of the power of attorney document to provide monthly statements from all asset custodians to an independent third-party, selected by the principal who has the right to request the delivery of these monthly statements and will do an independent reading and review to determine whether the expenditures by the agent are solely for and in the best interests of the principal.

The agent could be precluded under the terms of the power of attorney document from creating joint tenancy accounts between the principal, the agent himself or herself, and/or the principal and any third party.

Consider appointing or at least delegating to (for example, on a contractual and outsourced basis), reputable, corporate health professionals such as care managers who often will act as agent under power of attorney for healthcare in some situations, and some will also act as agent under power of attorney for property and financial matters. Inquire as to whether they are bonded and insured. This is a good option where there may be NO friends or family who are trustworthy, sufficiently experienced, able, or willing to act.

These are just examples of some of the precautions that can be taken so that a good power of attorney is put in place and steps are taken to make sure that any possible abuse by a rogue agent is minimized.

What's the takeaway?

You could wait until later when you need powers of attorney, however if you develop diminished capacity and lose the cognitive ability to execute documents legally and ethically, then you may never be able to have these types of documents in place and the only alternative may be for someone to pursue, on your behalf, an expensive and complicated guardianship proceeding in court.

Make sure your powers of attorney are in place now.

Anthony B. Ferraro
Partner, Di Monte & Lizak, LLC

145th president of the Illinois State Bar Association



By: Anna Krolikowska

I was thrilled to be installed as the 145th president of the Illinois State Bar Association on June 17 at the Illinois Supreme Court building in Springfield.

In attendance during the ceremony were Justinian Society of Lawyers' Past Presidents Len Amari, John Locallo, and Anita DiCarlo. Anita graciously and generously agreed to co-chair the ISBA Business Institute, which will be one of my presidential initiatives during this bar year. John Locallo has also given of his time and energy by being a part of the ISBA Business Institute Committee and the Solo and Small Firm Conference Committee, the latter of which will take place September 30 through October 1. I very much appreciate the support of my dear Justinian friends, grazie.

The ISBA Business Institute, which is designed to help attorneys at all career levels to enhance their business skills and acumen, is one of the key initiatives of my presidential year. Our series of ISBA Business Institute programs will focus on marketing services to clients; essentials for starting a practice; using business decisions to increase profits; and capitalizing on change. Due to the challenges the legal profession has faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ISBA Business Institute has become even more relevant and timely. It is my hope that these programs will help our members practice more effectively and efficiently, and overcome obstacles created by the pandemic. The first virtual session of the ISBA Business Institute is scheduled for July 30 and is offered to ISBA members free of charge. For more information and to register, please visit the ISBA website.

To further help our members in the midst of the pandemic, the ISBA is offering all current, regular dues-paying members a 15 percent dues credit for the 2021-22 bar year. Despite the challenges the ISBA faced during the past year, lack of travel and transition from in-person to virtual meetings allowed us to lower our expenditures. The 15% dues credit is a way for us to thank our loyal members who stood with us throughout a very difficult year.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) will continue to be one of my top priorities this year. The ISBA is in the process of interviewing and hiring DEI consultants to provide recommendations so the association can implement meaningful changes as quickly as possible. This is a multi-faceted initiative, and we expect that it will be a multi-year process. As a starting point, when I appointed members to the ISBA's section councils and committees for this bar year, I was very intentional about diversity and made every effort to seek out bar leaders that reflect the ISBA's diverse membership. Throughout the bar year, we also plan to host continuing legal education programs on topics such as implicit bias and inclusion. Additionally, the ISBA Steering Committee on Racial Inequality will continue its efforts to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion through legislative activity, work with other associations and affinity bars, and a continued emphasis on public outreach and education.

We know that the last 18 months have been difficult for all of us and to assist our members further we will also host a number of life/work balance and wellness programs throughout the year. Our aim is to help our members develop and implement strategies to seek greater balance and wellness in their lives. I feel that this will not only help ISBA members in their professional lives but will also yield significant dividends in their personal lives as well. We also anticipate hosting a special event celebrating women in the legal profession in the spring 2022.

I know that many ISBA members are ready for in-person interaction with colleagues. We are planning some in-person events this year, the first of which will be an outdoor Member Appreciation and Recognition

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Reception on September 23 at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. We will also host a second outdoor in-person Member Appreciation and Recognition Reception on October 6th in Springfield.

We remain vigilant as to the developments regarding Covid-19 and will be closely monitoring health guidelines to ensure the safety of our members on an ongoing basis. We hope to return to an in-person Midyear Meeting in December in Chicago and will provide additional information about the meeting as it becomes available.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Hon. Regina Scannicchio on navigating the Justinians through the challenges presented by the previous year and join the Justinians and President Dion Davi in celebrating the organization's 100th year. Thank you!

Tort Notes

Northern District Rules That Even “Minimal Retained Control” Can Give Rise to Illinois Construction Negligence Duty

By James J. Morici, Jr.

In *Bradley v. United States*, the US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois denied summary judgment to the United States, reiterating that “even minimal retained control can give rise to a § 414 duty.” 2021 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 87831 *14. Plaintiff was an HVAC service technician employed by Complete Temperature systems (CTS). He was retained by the United States Postal Service to repair several air handlers. Although Plaintiff brought his own ladders to for use at the jobsite, USPS required he use their ladder which was already in the room in which he would be working. The post office denied that they prohibited him using his own equipment and that they had a rule requiring use of only their ladders.

The ladder USPS provided was an A-frame ladder, in a closed position and leaned against the air handler. Essentially, the A-frame ladder was being used as a substitute for an extension ladder. The District Court made a point to distinguish

between the two types of ladders, since requiring the A-frame ladder prefaced the eventual injury and evinced a retention of minimal control by USPS. An A-frame ladder, when open and locked, is self-supporting. An extension ladder, on the other hand, is meant to be leaned against a stable structure for support. Plaintiff had extensive training and many years of experience on the proper uses of each ladder. Further, OSHA cautions against using an A-frame ladder in a closed or partially closed position in place of an extension ladder.

In performing his work, the Plaintiff was required to climb into the ceiling of the facility's mezzanine by scaling a fixed ladder belonging to the defendant. Thereafter, once he reached the area of the air handler upon which he was to work, he was required to use an A-frame ladder provided by USPS to enter the air handler. Plaintiff testified that the A-frame ladder was found in a closed position and leaning against the air handler. After performing



his tasks in the air handler, Bradley exited the air handler and attempted to descend the A-frame ladder falling 8 to 10 feet and suffering serious shoulder injuries.

In evaluating the United States' motion for summary judgment, the District Court emphasized that Illinois has adopted Restatement (Second) of Torts § 414 as “an expression of Illinois common law.” *Carney v. Union Pacific Railroad*, 77 N.E. 3d 1, 8 (2016). *Carney* confirmed the Illinois Supreme Court's holding in *Larson v. Commonwealth Edison Company* in which decades earlier it rendered the same pronouncement. The Court in *Carney* confirmed the negligence based concept, and wrote that an analysis of a defendant's duty focuses on two prongs: (1) the contracts governing the work and (2) the actions of

the defendant during the course of construction.

The Restatement places a duty upon one who entrusts work to a contractor, but retains control over any part of the work, making the contractor not entirely free to do the work in his own way. The District Court placed special emphasis on the language “Any part of the work” and “not entirely free” in coming to its conclusion, illustrating that Illinois courts consistently hold the minimum standard of control for § 414 could be enough to survive summary judgment. *Aguirre v. Turner Constr. Co.*, 501 F. 3d 825, 829 (7th Cir. 2007); *Brooks v. Midwest Grain Prods. Of Ill., Inc.*, 311 Ill. App. 3d 871 (2000).

Thus, viewed in the light most favorable to Plaintiff, USPS did retain control over one part of the work and prevented Plaintiff from being entirely free to do the work his own way. USPS controlled the choice in which ladder the Plaintiff was allowed to use, and Plaintiff was not free to use his extension ladder in place of the A-frame. Even though, at the time, USPS had no policy requiring contractors use USPS ladders, Plaintiff’s testimony that USPS retained control over this part of the work provided enough evidence that a reasonable factfinder could use to conclude that USPS retained control over this part of the work.

James J. Morici, Jr. is a partner in the firm of MORICI, FIGLIOLI & ASSOCIATES, and represents Plaintiffs in personal injury, workers’ compensation, and construction site related injury suits. Read all prior issues of “Tort Notes” at www.MoriciFiglioli.com.

Remarks NIU College of Law Commencement 2021

By Robert W. Fioretti

NIU’s School of Law celebrated the Classes of 2020 & 2021 in commencement ceremonies on May 31, 2021. Alumnus, and fellow Justinian member, Bob Fioretti was the commencement speaker. “Law is our vocation and our passion. We must all dedicate ourselves to the pursuit of justice and uphold the principles that distinguish our nation from other nations around the world. As lawyers, we are uniquely positioned to affect change,” said Bob in his address.



**Have an idea for a
CLE Program?**

We want to hear from you!

If you have topics you’d like to see covered at a future CLE event, please email committee chair, Michael Bonamarte at mfb@levinperconti.com

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and we can provide scholarships to assist our future attorneys with the cost of law school. We have already raised just over \$40,000 as of this writing so we are making progress but have a ways to go and need your support. The children and future of our Society need your contribution. This is a major undertaking but that is what our Society has always been about; significant undertakings to do great things. Please go to Justinians.org for details on the benefits of being a contributor and to join the other generous donors.

Other great things we are doing this year for the Italian-American community include 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 members of our Columbus Committee and part of a legal team to advise Ron Onesti, President of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, and to represent the JCCIA in their litigation against the Chicago Park District. I will say that the lawsuit has gotten a lot of positive attention and the return of Columbus to Arrigo Park is looking good. While we are unsure about having the statue back in place by October 11th, which is Columbus Day, we will be celebrating Columbus and his accomplishments with a beautifully decorated Centennial float in the Columbus Day Parade, which will be in the first section of the parade this year (no long wait to get the festivities started). Now we need to make sure we pack the float with Justinian families and friends to show Chicagoans and the Mayor our Italian-American pride that has been ever-present for a century. So, mark your calendars and make sure you join my fellow Officers and Executive Committee members for this momentous and probably the most important Columbus Day Parade in our history.

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. Also, we will 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. Please join us to honor Frank, the law students, and the Judiciary by registering as soon as possible at Justinians.org for our Honorary Night.

I have had the fortune of knowing many of you long before I entered into the legal profession, which has created many, many great experiences for me and was a significant reason for my decision to become a lawyer. 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 been working hard to ensure that our Celebration is one that will be remembered for the next 100 years. I hope that you will join us for our Centennial Celebration and all the festivities we have planned for the year. Please be a part of this historical year!

Grazie Mille!

Ciao!!

Centennial Celebration: Justinian Memories



REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

A Centennial Celebration

Thurs., Oct. 21, 2021

6:00 PM

Galleria Marchetti

825 W Erie St.

Chicago, IL 60642



Scholarship Application Deadline

Friday, Oct. 22, 2021



Award of Excellence, Judges & Scholarship Honorary Night

Thurs., Nov. 18, 2021

6:00 PM

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JUSTINIANS IN THE NEWS



➤ Dominic C. LoVerde of Motherway & Napleton LLP was named the National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 Civil Plaintiff Trial Lawyers in Illinois for the second consecutive year. He was also honored with the American Association for Justice's New Lawyers Division's Above and Beyond Award, and Award of Excellence at the annual convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was also recognized by Drug-watcher's Annual 100 List of Mass Tort Lawyers, identified as a top mass tort lawyer representing injury victims from dangerous drugs and medical devices.

➤ Morici, Longo & Associates congratulates Olivia R. Morici, BS, MS, upon obtaining a Master of Science Degree in Management from the Driehaus School of Business at DePaul University. Olivia has joined the firm of Morici, Longo & Associates as its marketing coordinator in charge of events planning and public relations.

➤ Morici, Longo & Associates served as one of the corporate sponsors of the Pipefitters Local 597 Cancer Fundraising Golf Outing to benefit Chicago's Lurie Hospital for Cancer Research.

➤ Morici, Longo & Associates was proud to be one of the supporters of "Italian Unity Day" at Arrigo Park on July 25, 2021. The firm provided refreshments to the crowd and stood in solidarity with the Italian-American community.

➤ Past President, James J. Morici, Jr., recently settled a \$1,400,000 Federal Court Products Liability suit in the Northern District of Illinois against the manufacturer of a building products manufacturing machine. Due to an unprotected area that exposed high speed rollers thus creating a pinch point, their 29-year-old client was sucked into the rollers up to his hand, arm, shoulder and face.

He sustained fractures and a de-gloving injury to his upper extremity and face. The personal injuries required surgery and skin grafting for deep burns and destroyed tissue. The complex litigation involved more than a dozen depositions and the assistance of multiple experts.

Due to the difficulties presented by the facts, the man was warned to not enter the area on multiple occasions. Another well-known Chicago personal injury firm brought them in for their vast experience handling significant injury and wrongful death cases.

➤ An Indiana couple was awarded more than \$1.1 million in compensation following a 2017 vehicular incident on a highway in Northern Michigan. The couple traveling from their home in Merrillville, Indiana to the Upper Peninsula with their six-year-old son were traveling on Michigan Route 141 when part of a driveshaft of a school bus being towed by a wrecker broke free and struck their windshield. The woman sustained a fractured jaw and a collapsed lung for which she required surgery. The Plaintiffs were represented by James J. Morici, Jr. of Morici, Longo & Associates and made the recovery from LR Vincent Trucking Company and their insurance provider, Acuity.



➤ Career Justinians Leonard Amari and Steve DiSilvestro celebrate the continuing John Marshall Law School legacy at the graduation celebration of Joe Amari, Nick Sandowski and Michelle DiSilvestro.



Justinians, Continued

➤ Levin & Perconti welcomed new partners Dov Apfel and Seth Cardeli to the firm this past year, marking an expansion of the firm's practice in birth trauma and obstetrical malpractice claims.

Apfel is nationally recognized as an advocate for children with cerebral palsy and other neurological and intellectual disabilities, having litigated these matters throughout the nation for more than three decades. Apfel is the author of a landmark law review article that helped set the standard for how cases involving cerebral palsy are handled by lawyers representing families in birth trauma cases across the United States. He currently chairs an annual 2-day program to teach lawyers the fundamentals of electronic fetal monitoring and the criteria that can be used to identify babies who may not be getting enough oxygen and are at risk of developing brain injury during labor and delivery.

Cardeli is well-versed in the many complex legal and medical issues surrounding birth injury claims. As a trial attorney, he has represented families across the country who have suffered as a result of medical negligence and malpractice, including parents of children injured during labor and delivery.

"We're thrilled to have Seth and Dov on the team," said John Perconti. "In addition to an impressive record, they're able to use their genuine passion to better the lives of children and families. We are so pleased to be able to support the incredible work they do." Both attorneys are based in Maryland and have represented clients in 25 states.



➤ Congratulations to longstanding Justinian, Hon. Patrice Ball Reed, who on June 4th was sworn in as the First Black President of the Illinois Judges Assoc Foundation (IJF), and as the Treasurer of the Illinois Judges Association (IJA)!

➤ Congratulations to our Justinian members recently selected as Cook County Associate Judges: Barbara N. Flores and Andreana A. Turano!

➤ Justinian John Hillock is named by National Trial Lawyers Top 40 under 40 Civil Plaintiff Trial Lawyers in Illinois.



➤ Congratulations to Justinian past president and Endowment Fund Chair, Frank A. Sommario, on being installed as the Executive Vice President of National Italian American Bar Association (NIABA)



➤ Our fellow Justinians of DuPage held their Installation event on August 19th. Congratulations to all of the officers!

President Mario Palermo and Richard Caldorazzo above; and Past Presidents with Mario (from left to right - Joseph Glimco, Michael Calabrese, Christopher Lunnardini, Elizabeth Pope, Mario Palermo, and Dion Davi) below.



➤ Pictured Below is President Dion Davi and President of the Woman's Bar Association, Lauren Tuckey at the Women's Bar Association of Illinois' Installation Event held on August 26th.



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Centennial Celebration: 2021 Columbus Day Parade!

Celebrate Our Centennial at the 2021 Columbus Day Parade sponsored by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans!

Join us on Monday, Oct. 11th, 2021 at Noon on State St. and Wacker Dr. (the parade staging area). Bring your family and fellow Justinians to ride the float down State Street as part of our Centennial Celebration!

The 2021 Columbus Day Parade begins at 1:00 PM and will be broadcasted on WLS-ABC7 for one hour with hosts Val Warner, Ryan Chiaverini, and Anthony Rago.

The JCCIA post parade celebration will take place at Casa Italia immediately following the parade. Details can be found at www.jccia.com



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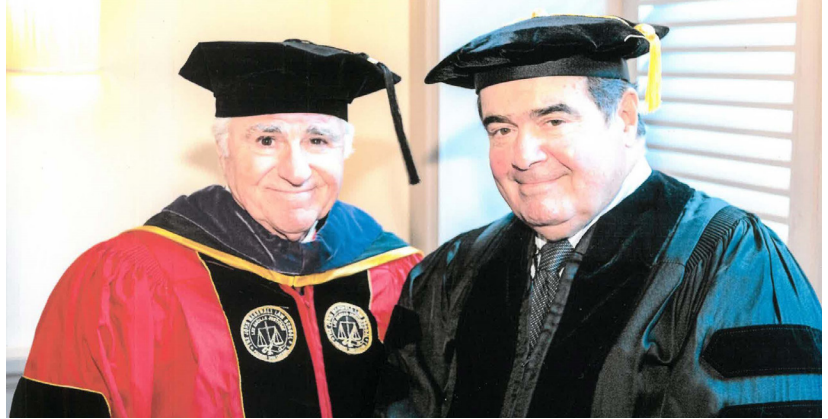
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Centennial Celebration: Memories of Past Presidents



Leonard F. Amari, Past Justinian President (1978-1979) pictured with the late U.S.

Supreme Court Justice Anton Scalia upon the dedication of the Louis Rosenberg Ceremonial Courtroom at The John Marshall Law School, during Amari's Presidency of the Board of Trustees, circa 2015.

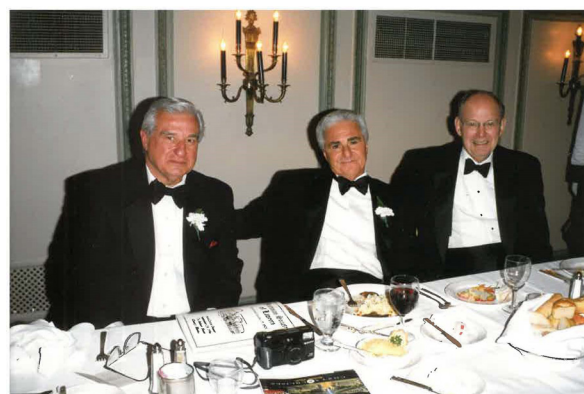
In November of 1969 I attended my first Justinian meeting - in those days they were held on the second floor of the old Chicago Bar Association building at 29 S LaSalle in the Presidents' Room on the second floor. I didn't know any attorneys, none, and certainly no Justinians. I walked into the meeting knowing nary 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.

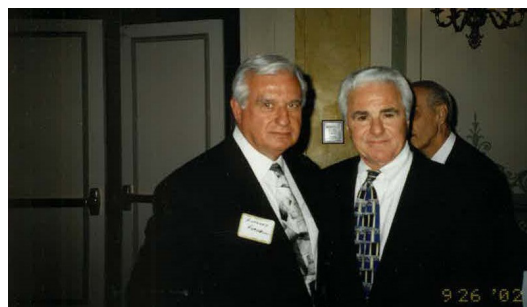
All my partners are active Justinians, five of the seven of us had the great honor of serving as Justinian Presidents. In no small part we have a successful boutique law firm (exclusively real estate tax reduction work) because of the support and referrals of our brother and sister Justinians.

God bless the Justinian Society of Lawyers and its members.

Leonard F. Amari
Partner, Amari & Locallo



1989 Installation dinner, l to r: Tony Fornelli, Leonard F. Amari, Ill Supreme Court Chief Justice and career Justinian Moses W. Harrison.



2002 Tony Fornelli (next to Leonard Amari) receiving the prestigious Illinois State Bar Association Life Time Achievement Award.



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 Scotillo and Leonard F. Amari.



2006 Group photo of the Annual Justinian Father-Son Canadian fly-in fishing trip to Minaki, Ontario.



1992 Tony Fornelli (with Leonard Amari) as he receives the prestigious Italian-American Political Coalition Life Time Achievement award.

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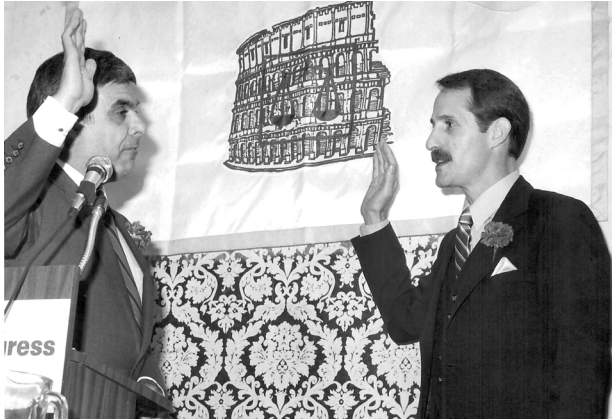
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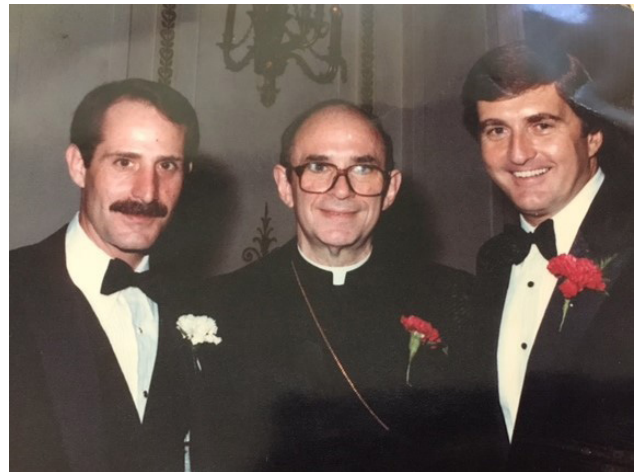
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It was 1982 and the Justinian Society had become one of the most influential ethnic Bar Associations in Cook County. Under the leadership of past presidents Leonard Amari, Jack Cerone and Charles Porcellino, young Italian American lawyers and law students 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 (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.

Bruno J. Tassone

Attorney at Law

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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.

Joe Bisceglia (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!

Sam Tornatore
Tornatore Law Office



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
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Sometime in the year of our Lord 1960, around 5-6pm, at 10 years of age, I attended my first Justinian Society of Lawyers (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, Allegretti, 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!

Judge Gloria G. Coco, Ret.

Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois
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.

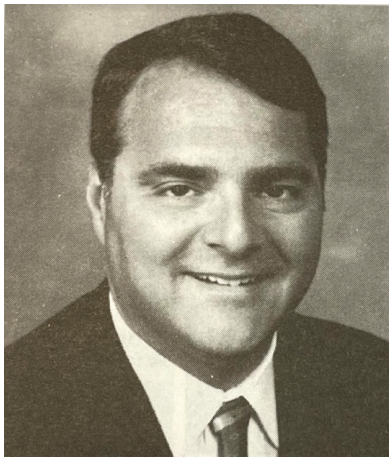
A- There is the affirmation that Italians play a significant role in Chicago's history and future as well as the history and future of the State of Illinois and the United States of America.

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



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.
MORICI, LONGO & ASSOCIATES
Past President 1999 – 2000



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In the Justinian Society you start out as a member and end up with a family. 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

Law Offices of Thomas M. Battista LLC

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 Oak Brook 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 (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

Partner, Amari & Locallo

Past President 2011-2012



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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

Partner / Attorney at Law
Romanucci & Blandin, LLC



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

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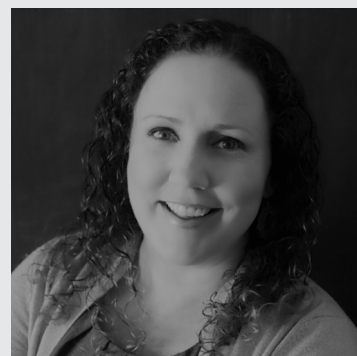
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