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Engage.

As we prepare to welcome the Section back to the City of Brotherly Love (after six years of Conferences in Pittsburgh, Lancaster, Hershey and even St. Petersburg), the theme of our Winter Conference is "Engage." From the outset, attendees will enjoy the newly refurbished Loews Hotel in a wonderful, central lo-

cation of Philadelphia. Housed in the first skyscraper built in Philadelphia, the Loews is recognized as one of the world's best by *Travel + Leisure* magazine.

Our Program Committee, under the leadership of **Sarinia Feinman**, has planned an outstanding schedule of events with several new innovations that you will absolutely not want to miss.

To enable more interaction and participation, we will host three plenary

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sessions (instead of the usual two) and some of your favorite programming will be in new time slots.

Saturday, the Fred Cohen Memorial Plenary Session will be "Order of the Court," mock oral arguments before a panel of distinguished Superior Court judges: Judge Susan Gantman, Judge Judy

Olson and Judge David Wecht. Observe the "legal eagles" of our Section as they offer their best and finest arguments on emerging legal issues. Look for an expedited finding to be issued by the panel followed by some "hot tips" to make your client's next appeal a winning one.

Next up will be a plenary on "Detecting Deception" through the use of body language, led by Louis Pichini and William Monks, a former federal prosecutor and FBI agent, now at Deloitte Financial Services, with national recognition for their investigations on bribery, fraud, corruption and organized crime. Witness their dynamic interchange — along with some familiar video footage — on whether you (or, more importantly, the judge) can tell when a witness is lying.

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Bar Review:

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Tracey L. Potere has joined Collegeville's Miller Turetsky Rule & McLennan as an associate.

Maria P. Cognetti of Cognetti & Associates, Camp Hill, was inducted as president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers at their most recent meeting in Chicago.

Doylestown's **Eastburn & Gray PC** is pleased to announce that **Judith A. Algeo** was recently reelected to a six-year term to the Warwick Township Board of Supervisors. She has served the board for 14 years and has served as chair for the past nine years.

Congratulations to **Chris F. Gillotti** of Pittsburgh's **Bunde Gillotti Mulroy & Schultz** on his recent recognition for being a 50-year member of the Allegheny County Bar Association.

Pittsburgh's **Brabender Mascetta** has changed its name to **Brabender Mascetta & Clark LLC**.

Our condolences go to the family of William L. Goldman Sr., founder of Goldman Law Offices in Bucks County, on his recent passing.

Williams & Hand in Doylestown has changed its name to **Williams Family Law**. Also at Williams Family Law, **Adam H. Tanker** has joined as an associate. The website is www.bucksfamilylawyers. com and email addresses have been changed accordingly.

Carol A. Behers of Pittsburgh's **Raphael, Ramsden & Behers PC** was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the Allegheny County Bar Association.

Kennett Square's **Schindler Law Group** is pleased to announce that **John H. Pavloff** and **Joann L. Drust** have joined the firm.

Amy R. Stern has been named partner at Lansdale's Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg & Gifford PC.

Melaine Shannon Rothey of Pittsburgh's **Jones, Gregg, Creehan & Gerace LLP**, and her partner, Gretchen Schumacher, are pleased to announce the birth of their grandson, Alexander Park Bundy, on August 16. Alex joins his older sister, Nola Melaine Bundy.

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From left: Section Chair-elect J. Paul Helvy and Chair Dan Clifford at the IOLTA /Pennsylvania Bar Foundation dinner honoring retiring PBA Section Relations Coordinator Michael T. Shatto

Hey, gang!

You have family moments of significance: golf tournaments, cycle events, swim meets, weddings, family births, christenings, bar/bat mitvot, championships, graduations ... your significant others ... and your law practices.

Let us know what is going on!
The "Bar Review" may be near the back of the *Pennsylvania Family Lawyer*, but many read it first.

So let me know what is going on by mail, fax or email:

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