

2017 Medal of Honor Honorees Inspire Audience

On September 18, the New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosted the 2017 Medal of Honor Awards Dinner at The Palace at Somerset Park. Over 300 guests paid tribute to the recipients of the Foundation's highest and most prestigious award, the Honorable Marie White Bell (Ret.) and Joseph P. LaSala Esq.

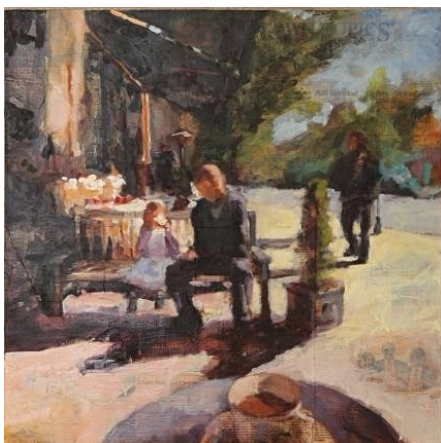
Judge Bell addressed the audience and saluted her many colleagues and friends and related why after 12 years as a scientist specializing in parasitology and virology research she launched her second career in the law in response to the civil rights movement...



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Legal Community Shows Brain's "Right Side"

The New Jersey State Bar Foundation recently hosted a reception in honor of the artists submitting work to its Sixth Annual Art Show.



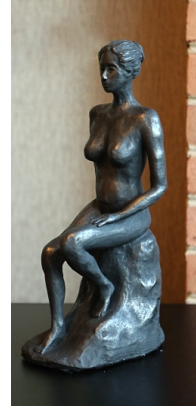
1st Place: **Small World Coffee on Town**
by Ryan Stark Lilienthal



2nd Place: **Working Boat Apollo in Winter**
by John Kaye



3rd Place: Lucie
by Daniel R. Krovatin



Chair's Merit Award: Sylvanna Seated
by Joan G. Waks

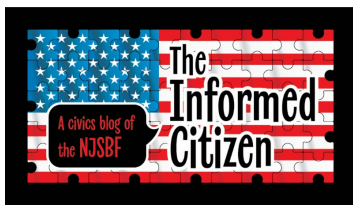
In her welcome address, NJSBF Art Committee Chair Susanne Y. Peticolas noted that lawyers are accustomed to "left brain" activity-logical, analytical, objective, rational functions, but the Art Show allows those in the legal community to "celebrate on the "right" side of the brain, and to explore the subjective, random and intuitive nature of ourselves."

The NJSBF received 90 submissions for the show from 32 artists working in a variety of mediums, including sculpture, wood carving, photography, oils, watercolor, pastels, pen and ink, as well as mixed media. Ryan Stark Lilienthal placed first with his painting "Small World Coffee on Town." Lilienthal's painting "Tear Sheet" placed third in last year's show.

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Bar Foundation Launches Three Blogs to Keep Citizens Informed

The New Jersey State Bar Foundation believes that "informed citizens are better citizens." To keep citizens informed, the Foundation has launched three blogs - The Informed Citizen, The Legal Eagle Lowdown and The Respect Rundown. New posts will be added to the blogs every few weeks, so check the Foundation's [website](#) often.



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Mock Trial Programs Gear Up for the Fall with Two Workshops

The Foundation's free, annual Mock Trial Workshop for teacher- and attorney-coaches will be held on October 26, 2017 at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick. To register for the workshop, click [here](#).

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Our 2017-2018 High School Mock Trial Workbook, which contains the case, rules and procedures, will be available in early October. The 2017-2018 criminal case deals with the opioid epidemic. The stakes are high for Dana Martin who faces prison for the first-degree crime for strict liability drug distribution, resulting in the death of young Zachary Simon. But did Dana sell a deadly batch of fentanyl to longtime friend Zach, who struggled with addiction? To the Simon family Zach was not just another statistic in the opioid epidemic, but a beloved son whose life ended too soon.

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Classroom Close-up NJ to Tape Law Fair/Law Adventure Workshop in October

Classroom Close-up NJ will feature the New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Law Fair/Law Adventure Mock Trial Workshop for teachers of grades 3 - 8 in an upcoming program. The free interactive workshop will be held on October 17, 2017 at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick.

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Not Too Early to Plan for December

The New Jersey Bar Foundation will conduct three trainings in December. The Role of the School Climate Team will be held December 5, 2017. An Elementary School Peer Mediation training will be held December 12, 2017 and Why We Bully: Talking About Race will be held December 14, 2017.

If you would like to register for any of these trainings, click here. Questions? Contact Elissa Zylbershlag, Director of Conflict Resolution and Anti-Bias Initiatives at ezylbershlag@njsbf.org or 732-937-7523.

[More Information on Trainings](#)



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