

April



Congratulations to **Dena M. Castricone**! On February 27, Ms. Castricone received a New Haven Pride Center *Dorothy Award* for making a significant contribution to the LGBT community in Connecticut. **Ms. Castricone** received the award for her work with CABO, the state's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Chamber of Commerce, of which she is President and founder.



Richard A. Marone is beginning a 5-year term as Connecticut State Chair of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel ("ACTEC").



Francis A. DiLuna was the lead contributor for "Bogside" the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers monthly trade newsletter. The topic of the article was "Excise and Sales Tax Rate Assessments and Calculations" for farmers.

During the months of February and March, **Mr. DiLuna** has lectured for the Department of Agricultural Business Training Program UMass Lecture Series "Tilling the Soil of Opportunity." Topics ran from landowner liability on farms, farm stand product liability for value added products, raw milk and farm plates.



The South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston, for which **Taruna Garg** serves as a member of the Executive Committee, will be hosting the upcoming NASABA (North American South Asian Bar Association) National Convention, themed "Making History," being held in Boston on June 24-27.



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Cherie Gabrielle Phoenix has agreed to serve as Co-Chair of the Associates Committee for the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity (LCD). Her term starts June 1, 2010.



Elizabeth Neuwirth, who is a licensed clinical social worker, will present a workshop on avoiding and defending against a complaint of professional misconduct at the Annual Conference of the National Association of Social Workers/Connecticut Chapter in Waterbury on April 30.



Elizabeth L. Leamon will be a guest lecturer for a Family Law class at the University of Connecticut Law School on April 28.

On March 30, **Elizabeth L. Leamon** gave a presentation on her practice at the Shoreline East BNI (Business Networking International) meeting in Guilford.



On March 25, **Paul R. McCary** spoke at the UConn Law School. The topic was "Operating with Renewable Energy – What Legal Issues Arise When Building Owners Pass the Cost of Their Investment in Renewable Energy to Commercial Tenants, Residential Tenants, and other Users?"



Kathleen E. Connolly wrote an article on the pending Federal Tax Deduction for Conservation Easements and the new Massachusetts regulations for Agricultural Preservation Restrictions for Farmers, being published in both the Massachusetts Farm Bureau newsletter and the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association newsletter.

Ms. Connolly also published "Quorum, Quantum of Vote, and Other Procedural Quandaries for Municipal Boards" in the March/April edition of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) newsletter.

On February 27, **Ms. Connolly** was elected First Vice President of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions at its annual meeting.



On March 24, **Robert E. Kaelin** was the moderator and a presenter at the CBA seminar on "Advance Fraudulent Transfer Law."



On March 22, **Paul B. Edelberg** was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Department of Commerce and the District Export Council for his expert knowledge of International trade and support of Connecticut's exporters. The certificate was presented by Francisco Sanchez, Special Advisor to the Secretary of Commerce and Under Secretary Designate of the International Trade Administration.

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On March 20, **Francis A. DiLuna** and **Kathleen E. Connolly** conducted a workshop session “Working with Board of Health” at the 2nd Annual Massachusetts Association of Agricultural Commissions’ Annual Meeting.



On March 18, **Louis B. Todisco** received a “Length of Service” Award from the Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies for twelve years of service on local land use agencies in Cheshire, CT.



On March 5, **Edward B. Whittemore** served as co-chair and as a panelist discussing “Current & Choice Corporate Finance Issues” as part of “A Day with the SEC,” a biannual event sponsored by WESFACCA (the Westchester/Southern Connecticut Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsels), at the Woodway Club in Darien, CT. SEC Commissioner Elisse Walter, SEC Division of Enforcement Deputy Director Joan McKown, SEC Division of Corporate Finance Director Meredith Cross, and several other distinguished speakers were featured in the lively discussion. **Richard McGrath** helped conceive of the program for WESFACCA and served as its Program Chair for many years.
