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Taruna Garg was chosen as a 2010 Diversity Hero by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. Each year, Lawyers Weekly recognizes four attorneys or judges as Diversity Heroes. **Ms. Garg** will be honored at the Excellence in the Law event on May 20.

Ms. Garg also serves as a member of the Executive Committee for The South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston, which 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.



Lissa J. Paris will be speaking at the ERISA Basics National Institute in Chicago on ERISA Standing and on Benefit Claims on May 19-21.



Robert J. Munnely, Jr. will be a panelist at the New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioner annual conference at the Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster, MA on May 17.



Richard McGrath and **Stephen E. Ronai** are among several CBA (Connecticut Bar Association) members receiving their 50 year pin – given to those who were admitted to the Connecticut Bar, or to the Bar of another state, in 1960. The pins will be presented at the CBA's Annual Meeting on June 14 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford.

Mr. Ronai also appears as one of the four contributors to an article in focused on "ADR and Health Care - Health Care Reform: Will it Impact ADR?" published in the Spring 2010 edition of the ABA's Dispute Resolution Magazine.

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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.



On April 30, **Elizabeth Neuwirth**, who is a licensed clinical social worker, presented 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 28, **Elizabeth L. Leamon** was a guest lecturer for a Family Law class at the University of Connecticut Law School.

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



On April 27, **Sara R. Stadler** spoke at People's United Wealth Management & Trust's "Estate Tax Uncertainty" program being held at the New Haven Lawn Club.



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?"



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On March 24, **Natale A. Messina** gave a presentation at the Estate and Business Planning Council meeting. His presentation covered updates from the 44th Annual Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning, which he attended January 25 – 29.



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.