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## President's Post

The new Trump Administration has had mixed success thus far in delivering upon candidate Trump's campaign promises. The most extreme of those promises involved immigration issues, including the infamous border wall with Mexico, the deportation of millions of "illegal aliens" and a complete ban on Muslims entering the United States. Whether these promises will ever be fulfilled still remains an open question, as we are less than three (3) months into the new Administration.

What is clear at this early stage is that the deportation efforts by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have been stepped up over the considerable efforts made during the Obama Administration. While backing off his total ban on Muslims entering the country, Mr. Trump did institute, by Executive Order, a temporary ban not merely on immigration but upon travel from six (6) predominantly Muslim countries and a complete ban from Syria. A number of Courts struck down this ban and enjoined the government from carrying it out. This did not deter Mr. Trump, who issued another Executive Order, somewhat scaled back from the first, aimed at one (1) less predominantly Muslim country (Iraq has now been deleted from the list). But this too has been stopped by Federal Courts in Hawaii and Maryland.

As soon as the first of these Executive Orders was signed with great fanfare, panic ensued at international airports throughout the United States as travelers from the seven (7) designated majority-Muslim countries were scooped up upon arrival. Fortunately, many lawyers with expertise in immigration law rushed to these airports and to the Courts to block the return of these people to their countries of origin.

In response to the heightened national debate over the appropriateness of these Executive Orders, many have asked what can lawyers do generally to help those adversely impacted by the actions of the Trump Administration. A few members of the RCBA have reached out to the Board of Directors asking why we were not organizing trips to the airports to help those in need of legal counsel. According to the polls, the majority of Americans oppose these early efforts by the Trump Administration to exclude refugees and immigrants from these predominantly Muslim countries. However, we must recognize that more than sixty (60) million Americans voted for Mr. Trump, and most of them undoubtedly supported his immigration policies.

The difficulty for us as attorneys is to try and separate the politics of the immigration debate from the humanitarian crisis which finds literally millions of people, many of them Muslim, displaced from their homelands and seeking safety and opportunity in Europe and North America. After all, our country was created by immigrants and has always thrived on the constant influx of immigrants from all over the world.

What then can we do as lawyers to help those in need? Running to the airports is probably not going to prove helpful for most of us. Last month, the RCBA sponsored an immigration law CLE which was attended by eighty (80) lawyers. Although I have never in fifty (50) years handled an immigration case, I attended anyway in light of the current crisis. The most significant thing I learned at this wonderful program was that immigration law is arcane and unique, nothing like the work most of us do which is based on English common law and New York State statutes. Those of us who attended learned that immigration is not a right. It is not something to which aliens are automatically entitled but rather a gift from America to those selected to share in the blessings of living lawfully in the United States, whether as permanent residents or citizens. The complexity of the immigration process is daunting. The average RCBA member can provide little counsel to an immigrant in need of assistance as he or she would be completely lacking in the knowledge and skills needed to work through the complex system of immigration laws, rules and regulations.

However, this is not to say that we should simply throw up our hands, do nothing, and essentially "leave it to the experts". A basic knowledge of the rights of immigrants and visitors to our shores is attainable. Perhaps, more importantly, there are agencies available to provide competent help to persons in need and we can at least act as intermediaries to steer people to the helping hands available. A couple of weeks ago, the RCBA posted an email with a detailed description of not-for-profits and state agencies able and willing to help those in need who come up against the barriers being erected by the Trump Administration. At the very least, all of us should familiarize ourselves with these wonderful resources so that when a client says that her cousin has been stopped at the airport or picked up by mistake coming out of Family Court, we will at least know what advice to give them. Most importantly, we'll know where to send them for help. We also should familiarize ourselves with those members of the RCBA who do practice immigration law and can help our clients in need. And of course, we can contribute financially to the not-for-profits who are fighting on behalf of these desperate, displaced souls who only want to live the American dream most of us were born into.

With Best Regards,  
Robert B. Marcus, President



**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Pursuant to Article V, Section 9 of the By Laws of the Rockland County Bar Association, the names of all candidates for the Board of Directors shall be published in the first edition of the Newsletter printed after April 5th, but no later than April 17th .

The following people are candidates for the Board of Directors:

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Written ballots shall be sent to all members of the Association no later than April 17th. Ballots will be emailed to all members of the Association, and all ballots must be received at the office of the Association by the close of business on **Monday, May 1.**

Please watch for your ballot which will arrive via email prior to April 17th .

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**News from the Executive Director**

**RCBA STAFF UPDATE**

**Below please find a break-down of major areas of responsibility for the RCBA Staff:**

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**COMMERCIAL LITIGATION ISSUES OF INTEREST****April 2017****Submitted by Paul Savad, Esq.****Chair, Commercial and Corporate Law Committee,****Joseph Churgin, Esq., and Susan Cooper, Esq., of****SAVAD CHURGIN, LLP, Attorneys at Law**

Your client, a travel agency that produces holiday tours and vacations specializing in healthy activities and healthy food, contracted to take over the kitchen and hotel of a mountain resort in the Catskills for one week each spring for ten years. In the sixth year, a fire burned down the main building of the hotel. The resort reopened two years later, and your client contacted the resort to arrange for holding its spring event in the three years remaining under the contract. The resort refused. You sued for damages for the resort's breach of contract, and moved for summary judgment. The resort cross-moved for summary judgment, arguing that the fire made it impossible to perform the contract, even though the hotel was now rebuilt and open.

Will you succeed in obtaining summary judgment? The answer is *no*.

In *Leisure Time Travel, Inc. v. Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center, Inc.*, 32504/09, NYLJ 1202780786721, at \*1 (Sup. Ct. Queens Co. February 22, 2017), the plaintiff, Leisure Time, specialized in holiday tours and vacations that comport with Jewish law and tradition. The defendant, Villa Roma, purports to be the last operating resort in the Catskill's famed "Borscht Belt." In 2001, the parties contracted for the plaintiff to use Villa Roma for five consecutive Passover celebrations from 2002 through 2006. The contract was renewed for another five years, through Passover of 2011.

In 2006, while the plaintiff was using the kitchen to prepare for the Passover celebration, a fire began in the kitchen, destroying the main building of the hotel. The cause of the fire was never determined. The defendant refused to return the \$220,000 downpayment.

Villa Roma reopened two years later, at the end of 2008. The plaintiff contacted the defendant to arrange for holding the 2009-2011 events contemplated by the contract. When Villa Roma refused, plaintiff sued for return of the \$220,000 downpayment and for damages for Villa Roma's refusal to host the Passover event for 2009 through 2011.

Villa Roma counterclaimed for damages. The first counterclaim alleged that the plaintiff caused the kitchen fire. The Court dismissed that claim as barred by the statute of limitations. The second counterclaim sought damages for the plaintiff's failure to use the hotel in 2007 and 2008, even though the hotel was closed. The Court called this claim incredible, as the fire made it impossible to perform the contract for those two years. The Court noted that impossibility of performance excuses performance "when the destruction of the subject matter of the contract or the means of performance makes performance objectively impossible," citing *Kel Kim Corp. v. Central Markets, Inc.*, 70 N.Y.2d 900, 902 (1987).

However, the impossibility of performance for those two years did not entitle the defendant to keep the downpayment. The defense of impossibility, noted the Court, is not available for the purpose of unjustly enriching one party at the expense of the other, citing *Sokoloff v. Natl. City Bank of New York*, 208 A.D. 627, 630 (1<sup>st</sup> Dep't 1924), *aff'd.* 239 N.Y.158 (1924). Summary judgment was granted to the plaintiff for return of the downpayment.

As to the plaintiff's claim for damages for breach of contract for refusing to honor the contract for the remaining three years, the Court discussed the distinction between a permanent impossibility, or at least one that may reasonably be expected to last for a substantial period of time, which excuses performance, and a temporary impossibility, which might not excuse performance when performance subsequently becomes possible, citing 84 A.L.R.2d 12 (originally published in 1962).

The Court ruled that under facts of this case, the contract was rescinded at the time of the fire. Although the impossibility ultimately proved to be temporary, it was of long duration. Since the plaintiff would not be bound to resume using the defendant's resort after turning to other locations for two years, there was no mutuality of obligation to allow enforcement of the contract against the defendant. The breach of contract claim was dismissed.

The lesson?

If performance of a contract becomes temporarily impossible for a brief period of time, the contract may still be enforceable when performance later becomes possible. However, if the temporary impossibility is of long duration, courts may decide under the particular facts of the case that the contract was rescinded at the time of the event that caused the impossibility of performance.

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# ROCKLAND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS 2017 ETHICS UPDATE

## SYNOPSIS:

It is no secret that the practice of law can be challenging due to the ever evolving changes to the substantive law as well as the practical aspects of practicing law. On a day to day basis, lawyers and law firms have to get their work done, keep up with the changes in their areas of practice, and keep up with their ethical obligations. This program is presented by experienced practitioners from both sides of the Grievance Process. It will provide an overview of hot topics and trends in the area of Ethics and Professionalism including:

- The new 22 NYCRR Part 1240 Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters (effective October 1, 2016);
- The Diversity Proposal to OCA CLE Board;
- An attorney's obligations when faced with a Criminal Conviction;
- False Notarization;
- Failure to Supervise;
- Social Networking and Confidentiality
- Attorney Registration/Virtual Law Office
- Lack of Civility
- Conflicts of Interest
- Client Perjury and False Evidence

Using the Rules of Professional Conduct, precedent, and Bar Association Advisory Opinions, the presenters will discuss each topic and provide proactive advice about best practices to avoid grievances and advice on how to navigate the process when faced with a grievance.

## SPEAKERS:

- **GARY L. CASELLA, ESQ.**, Chief Counsel, Grievance Committee, Ninth Judicial District, White Plains, NY
- **DEBORAH A. SCALISE, ESQ.**, Scalise, Hamilton & Sheridan LLP, Scarsdale, NY

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

**12:00pm-2:00pm**

**(Registration 11:30am – Lunch)**

Where: Italiana's Restaurant - 253 South Little Tor Rd, New City, NY 10956

Cost: \$50.00 in advance; \$75.00 at the door; \$85.00 Non-Members; \$20.00 paralegals & students

Level: Transitional/Non-Transitional

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## NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

We have a membership of many outstanding attorneys. Each year we recognize those that are nominated by their peers. If you would like to nominate someone for one or more of our awards, please fill out this form and fax (845-634-1055) or e-mail [nancy@rocklandbar.org](mailto:nancy@rocklandbar.org). Final decisions are made by our Board of Directors at an upcoming Board Meeting. Please submit your nominations as soon as possible.

**THE STERNS AWARD** *Given in the memory of Richard Sterns to a RCBA member who has made significant contributions to the Bar Association and the People of Rockland County over the year - service above self on behalf of the association. This award is presented at the Installation Dinner in June.*

**I wish to Nominate:**

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**THE LIFETIME ACHEIVEMENT AWARD** *Presented to an individual for exemplary achievements as an attorney or judge over a career. This award is presented at the Annual Dinner.*

**I wish to Nominate:**

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**THE BALSAMO AWARD** *This award is presented at the June Installation Dinner in memory of Joseph Balsamo, Esq., to a RCBA member who has gained significant respect from the members of the Bar and the public for his personal and professional contributions to both, while maintaining the highest form of integrity and professionalism while advocating for each.*

**I wish to Nominate:**

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**THE NATALIE COUCH AWARD** *This award is dedicated to the memory of Natalie Couch, a pioneering member and president of the Rockland County Bar Association, who was a voting rights advocate and an influential community leader. The honoree should be someone whose own accomplishments have served to inspire others to overcome prejudice and barriers in attaining their goals for the benefit of our community. This award is presented at the Annual Dinner.*

**I wish to Nominate:**

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### Leadership Rockland – Inspiring Connections



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Sound like a program you or a colleague would be interested in? Visit our web site at [www.leadershiprockland.org](http://www.leadershiprockland.org) and learn how to apply today!

**2017 CALENDAR  
RCBA MAJOR EVENTS  
Mark Your Calendar!**

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**May 1 – Law Day 2017  
June 22 – Installation Dinner  
October 26 – Annual Dinner**





**Monday, May 1, 2017**

**9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Rockland County Courthouse**

**Jury Assembly Room - 2nd Floor**

**Save the date!**

*Light refreshments will be served*

### **The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy**

The 2017 theme provides the opportunity to explore the many ways that the Fourteenth Amendment has reshaped American law and society. Through its Citizenship, Due Process and Equal Protection clauses, this transformative amendment advanced the rights of all Americans. It also played a pivotal role in extending the reach of the Bill of Rights to the states. Ratified during Reconstruction a century and a half ago, the Fourteenth Amendment serves as the cornerstone of landmark civil rights legislation, the foundation for numerous federal court decisions protecting fundamental rights, and a source of inspiration for all those who advocate for equal justice under law.

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Criminal Practice in Justice Court	Friday, April 7, 2017 1:00pm – 4:00pm
2017 Ethics Update	Wednesday, April 19 , 2017 12:00pm - 2:00pm
2017 CPLR Update	Friday, May 5, 2017 1:00pm - 4:00pm
View from the Bench	Monday, May 15, 2017 6:00pm - 9:00pm
2017 Elder Law Update	Wednesday, June 7, 2017 6:00pm - 9:00pm

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This is an excellent way to serve the youth of our community while earning CLE credits!

If you are interested, please contact Manuela Gomez at the RCBA at 845-634-2149, or email [manuela@rocklandbar.org](mailto:manuela@rocklandbar.org)



**SAVE THE DATE**

**INSTALLATION DINNER AND SWEARING-IN OF  
NEW OFFICERS**

Thursday, June 22, 2017

6:00 P.M.

**NYACK SEAPORT**

21 Burd Street, Nyack, New York 10960

6:00 P.M. – Cocktails (cash bar)

7:00 P.M. – Dinner

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It takes more than just passion though to be a good Surrogate. As an attorney in private practice, focusing on the areas of estate planning, probate and estate administration and guardianship, I will bring those years of experience to the court. Don't go on my word alone though, read the below letter from Virginia Athens who was the court's Chief Clerk for the last 33 years.

As the campaign progresses, I hope that you will come to see me as your candidate of choice. I am always available to personally talk at (845) 202-2949 to talk about the race. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alden Wolfe

Candidate For Rockland County's Surrogate

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CHIEF CLERK OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT (RETIRED)

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I've known Alden Wolfe since he first started practicing in the Surrogate's Court more than 20 years ago. I've seen him develop from an eager young attorney to a highly skilled practitioner, relied on by both the court and other attorneys for his depth of knowledge, professionalism and attention to detail. He has always shown careful study of the issues and treats all with respect.

I know that Alden Wolfe has the experience, skills and temperament that we need in the Rockland County Surrogate's Court. He'll not only do the job, but do the job well. That's why he has my support for Rockland County Surrogate.

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## MEMO

### TO ALL RCBA COMMITTEE CHAIRS & VICE- CHAIRS

The Association is seeking articles from your committee for publication in the Bar's monthly Newsletter. The membership would greatly benefit from your input and would appreciate it. The article does not have to be complicated or long - a succinct piece of general interest and importance would be best.

If you are able to submit an article for the Newsletter it should be sent via email to [sabrina@rocklandbar.org](mailto:sabrina@rocklandbar.org) by the 15th of the month so that the Executive Board may review it.

Thank you!



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## Michael E. Zall

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**Friday, May 5, 2017  
8:30am - 12:00pm  
2 Spear Street  
Nyack, NY 10960**

“Estate Planning in the Shadow of Dementia” will be a panel presentations/discussion to help professionals understand the inter-personal, legal, and financial challenges for clients facing cognitive decline.

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## CRIMINAL PRACTICE IN JUSTICE COURT

**Synopsis:** This CLE presentation will focus on some of the most important facets of criminal practice in Justice Court. All too often lax practices in Justice Court deter attorneys from fully and aggressively representing their Clients. This presentation is geared to place attorneys in a position to proactively represent their clients. The three one - hour sessions will focus on: 1) Challenging the legal sufficiency of accusatory instruments; 2) Preparing suppression motions and conducting suppression hearings; and 3) Conducting preliminary hearings and grand jury practice and considerations following the filing of a felony complaint.

**Date:** Friday, April 7, 2017

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. (Registration 12:30 p.m.) (lunch)

**Level:** Transitional/Non-Transitional

**Speakers:** Michael E. Bongiorno, Esq., Law Offices of Michael E. Bongiorno, Bardonia, NY  
Daniel Bertolino, Esq., Daniel E. Bertolino, P.C., Upper Nyack, NY  
David D. Narain, Esq., Law Office of David D. Narain, Bardonia, NY  
Beth B. Finkelstein, Esq., Law Office of Beth B. Finkelstein, P.C., New City, NY

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## 2017 ETHICS UPDATE

**Synopsis:** Overview of recent ethics opinions and decisions, the proper ways to handle escrow accounts and recordkeeping issues, and proactive practical advice to avoid grievance issues.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017

**Time:** 12:00 p.m.– 2:00 p.m. (Registration 11:30 a.m.) (lunch)

**Level:** Transitional/Non-Transitional

**Speakers:** Gary L. Casella, Esq., Chief Counsel, Grievance Committee, Ninth Judicial District, White Plains, NY  
Deborah A. Scalise, Esq., Scalise, Hamilton & Sheridan LLP, Scarsdale, NY

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## 2017 CPLR UPDATE

**Synopsis:** This program addresses major developments in New York Civil Practice in the past year and will include discussion of recent amendments, decisions on civil procedure, and a host of other issues.

**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2017

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. (Registration 12:30 p.m.) (lunch)

**Level:** Transitional/Non-Transitional

**Speaker:** Professor Patrick M. Connors, Albany Law School, Albany, NY

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