

YLS Hosts Youth Law Academy

Over 150 students from across the state attended the “Youth Law Academy” hosted by CBA-YLS on Friday, May 29 at Quinnipiac University School of Law in North Haven.

The program is designed to educate students about the law and to encourage them to consider a career in the legal profession. The day featured a panel discussion with Supreme Court Justice Richard A. Robinson and Superior Court Judges Antonio C. Robaina, Nina F. Elgo, and Vernon D. Oliver as well as a mock law class with Judge Angela C. Robinson. CBA member attorneys participated in breakout sessions to engage students in small group discussions about legal concepts and explore potential career paths in the law. Students also got some tips on the college and law school admissions process from Karen DeMeola, Assistant Dean of Students at UConn Law and Kathy A. Kuhar, Associate Dean of Students at Quinnipiac University School of Law. The academy was supported with a generous sponsorship from Day Pitney LLP. **CL**



Students from New London High School at the YLS Youth Law Academy.

Peers & Cheers

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The law firm of **Wiggin and Dana LLP** has appointed partner **Jeffrey Babbin** to the Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules by **Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers**. In his new role, Attorney Babbin will advise the Connecticut state appellate courts on proposed amendments to the rules of appellate procedures. He is currently a partner in the firm’s Litigation Department and is a member of the Appellate and Complex Legal Issues Practice Group.



Dena Castricone

Governor Dannel P. Malloy has appointed **Murtha Cullina LLP** attorney **Dena Castricone** to serve as a member of the Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board (CEAB). The CEAB, which is the governing body of the Office of State Ethics, consists of nine members. The board administers Connecticut’s Code of Ethics for public officials, state employees, and lobbyists. Attorney Castricone’s appointment is a four-year term.

Jeffrey M. Sklarz of **Green & Sklarz LLC** was appointed co-chair of the American Bankruptcy Institute’s Bankruptcy Taxation Committee. Jeff’s practice is focused on representing businesses and individuals with complex financial litigation needs, including bankruptcy/bankruptcy litigation, creditor/debtor litigation, tax litigation, pension and employee benefit litigation, and commercial litigation.

Jackson Lewis PC is pleased to welcome shareholder **Richard Vitarelli** to the firm’s Hartford office. Attorney Vitarelli represents clients across a broad spectrum of industries in labor relations, collective bargaining, and union organizing as well as the employment law aspects of mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructuring, and contract administration.

The law firm of **Bracewell & Giuliani LLP** gave a special grant to the American Jobs for America’s Heroes (AJAH) national military hiring campaign to support its ongoing efforts to encourage employees to register, post jobs, and hire National Guard members, veterans, and military spouses.



Campbell D. Barrett



Jon T. Kukucka

Pullman & Comley LLC is pleased to announce the addition of **Campbell D. Barrett** and **Jon T. Kukucka** to the firm. The new attorneys will expand services devoted to family law and will provide legal guidance on the full spectrum of matrimonial law, dissolution of marriages, and all aspects of family litigation.

Withers Bergman LLP is proud to announce expansion in California, opening new offices in San Diego, Los Angeles, and Rancho Santa Fe. The extended California team joins Withers Bergman shortly after the arrival of five corporate, litigation, and IP partners who are based in its Connecticut offices. **CL**