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MAY 2025 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MEGAN KNOWLTON BALNE, ESQ.



THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BENCH BAR COMPACT- RENEWED AND REMEMBERED

As Law Day is upon us, it is an important time to remember our roots and history as a Bar Association. One of the things that makes Burlington County Bar Association unique is the close relationship that our Association has with the Burlington County Judiciary. Our events are always well attended by our Judges, and we are able to regularly work with our Bench to provide meaningful continuing education programs and enhance the collegiality and professionalism of the bar. The Bench is always receptive to the Bar Association and works alongside the Bar to enhance our service to the public. The Association's close rapport with our Judiciary has its roots in mutual respect and recognition of the need for joint participation of the Association and Judiciary in management of the court system.

MAY 2025 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MEGAN KNOWLTON BALNE, ESQ. (CONT.)

The Bar Association's relationship with our County Judiciary is more than just a best practice. The Bar Association's commitment to working with the Judiciary is encapsulated in the Burlington Vicinage Bench/Bar Compact. This Law Day, at the Law Day Dinner, the Bar Association will be renewing the Bench/Bar Compact with Burlington County's new Assignment Judge, the Honorable Terrence R. Cook.

The Bench/Bar Compact was first adopted in 1985 between Assignment Judge Martin L. Haines and the then Bar President, Jack Sweeney. It has been consistently renewed by each new Assignment Judge upon beginning their term. The Bench/Bar Compact was the first of its kind in the state and works to guarantee that the Judiciary and the Association will work together for the benefit of the public.

It is an honor to be able to renew this compact again with Assignment Judge Cook. A full copy of the newly signed Bench/Bar Compact will be available on the Bar Association's website following Law Day.

I hope to see you all at the Law Day Dinner on May 7th at 5:30PM at the Medford Village Country Club.

Megan Knowlton Balne
President 2024-25
Burlington County Bar Association

Wine Column for May 2025 by Janice L. Heinold, Esq.

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In April, I ate at Illata in Philadelphia. It's a newish restaurant (opened in late 2023) in the Graduate Hospital area that is getting excellent reviews. The menu is small, so our foursome decided to get "one of each" on the menu. It's also a BYOB, so we came armed with several wines for the seafood-centric menu.

We started with marinated mussels and chicory salad, shortly followed by carrot with crab and fluke with thai chili. Salads are notoriously hard to pair wine with; normally, I pick a high acid white wine to stand up to the fatty dressings and bitter greens. I choose a 2023 Bockennauer Schiefergestein Riesling from the Schäfer-Frölich Winery in the Nahe region in Germany, about an hour southwest of Frankfurt. Some of the vineyards lining the slopes of the Nahe River, flowing through Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland, are so steep that only hand-harvesting is possible.

The winemaker at Schäfer-Frölich, Tim Frölich, took over the family winery in 1995 (at the age of 21!) and since then, has vastly increased the quality, and thus, the reputation of their wines. The winery produces only 120,000 bottles a year, 85% Riesling and 15% Pinot Blanc/Pinot Noir.



His Rieslings have the trademark mineral precision and tension one looks for in German Rieslings, even in years where the harvest wasn't so great. This Riesling was no exception, and went well with the chicory salad and the fluke, which had spicy Thai chili. (Rieslings also pair well with spicy foods).

Schäfer-Frölich wines are hard to find, because of their low production quantity and high demand. I get them from Liquid Culture in Wilmington, Delaware, but they are also available online, and are worth searching out. This bottle was \$39. 12.5% ABV.

For the tagliatelle and octopus, I brought a light-bodied red wine: a 2022 Pergola Aleatico Superiore Grigoglietto from Fattoria Villa Ligi. This 100+ year old winery is located in La Marche, Italy, and specializes in local varietals that they have saved from extinction. The grapes from this 50 year old vineyard are harvested by hand.

In the glass, the wine is a lighter ruby, with aromas of strawberry and rose. On the palate, flavors of strawberry and minerality, with lighter tannins. I purchased this wine from Moore Brothers last Spring for \$23. ABV 13%. Moore Bros. is currently out of stock of this wine, but keep an eye out for the next vintage's release. It's an versatile red that goes well with white meat, as well as mushrooms and creamy pastas.

I hope you get a chance to go to Illata. Reservations are hard to get (on the Resy app), but they do save some seats at the bar for walk-ins, and outside when the weather is nice. Cheers!



SAVE *the* DATE



THE BCBA INSTALLATION DINNER ON JUNE 4TH
AT 5:30 PM AT THE LAUREL CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

May 2025

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month

The Burlington County Bar Association's Wellness Committee presents



The Power of Saying “No”

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Lunch & Learn via Zoom**

Speakers:

Judge Terrence R. Cook, Assignment Judge, Burlington County Vicinage
Alicia Day, LPC, Owner, Waves of Change Counseling & Healing
Alejandra Figeroa, Intern, Waves of Change Counseling & Healing
Jill Roth-Gutman, Esq., Roth-Gutman Law

Moderator:

Solaris Power, Esq., Kulzer & DiPadova, P.A.

- Why saying “no” is crucial for attorney wellness
- How to say “no” effectively
- Setting boundaries with clients
- Setting boundaries with colleagues
- Managing expectations by saying “no”



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General Equity Committee presents

General Equity Probate Part

May 20th, 2025
CLE

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Location:

ZOOM link will be sent the
evening before

Cost:

\$25 BCBA Members
\$40 Non-members

\$15 Paralegals

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Noah Schwartz, Esq.
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How to use Equity Maxims in Chancery Practice

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DISCUSSION ON HOW IMMIGRATION INITIATIVES AND POLICIES ARE
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The Burlington County Bar Association's
Personal Injury Committee presents

Permanency Certificates and Verbal Threshold

May 29, 2025

Lunch & Learn
12:30-1:30 P.M.

Location:
Zoom

Cost:

\$25 BCBA Members
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Wesley T. Amaefuna Esq., Personal Injury Committee Chair
and Associate Attorney at Jacobs & Comerota

TOPIC:

● Permanency Certificates are required for verbal threshold cases, but is their absence for summary judgment or a discovery violation?

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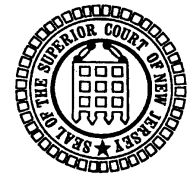
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<i>Zachary v. Curry</i>	Auto-Neg	3/24/25	Fikry	\$40,000/Def 100%	No cause
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