

Hellenic Lawyers Association Gala Nov. 20

New York: The Hellenic Lawyers Association is honoring George S. Canellos, the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) Regional Director in New York on November 20th at their Twenty-first Annual Dinner Gala at The Pierre Hotel on Fifth Avenue and 61st Street at 7pm. The Association will also be presenting the prestigious "Attorney of the Year Award" to John C. Stratakis, Esq. of Poles Tublin Stratakis & Gonzalez, LLP.

Mr. Canellos is being honored at the dinner gala for his recent appointment to the SEC as well as his many professional accomplishments. Mr. Canellos received his Bachelor's degree magna cum laude from Harvard College and his law degree from Columbia Law School, where he was named a Harlan Fisk Stone scholar for academic distinction. He began his legal career at the elite law firm Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, where he worked principally on takeover disputes and securities litigation. In 1994, he joined the United States Attorneys Office in the South-



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ern District of New York, where he prosecuted high profile cases for almost a decade, and where he served as Chief of the Major Crimes Unit supervising a team of prosecutors responsible for investigating and prosecuting large-scale financial crimes such as bank, insurance, health care, and tax fraud, foreign corrupt practices, money laundering,



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and many forms of investment fraud. As a prosecutor, Mr. Canellos was the recipient of many honors, including the Prosecutor of the Year award from the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation, which he received in 1999. Thereafter, Mr. Canellos joined Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, one of the world's pre-eminent global law firms, where he focused on civil and criminal enforcement of the securities and banking laws. In June 2009 Mr. Canellos was appointed to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the federal agency responsible for regulating the markets and protecting investors. As Regional Director, Mr. Canellos is the highest ranking SEC official in New York. Mr. Canellos grew up in the St. Demetrios parish of Weston, Massachusetts. He is married to Mary Pamela Brown, an adjunct professor of Humanities at New York University.

Attorney of the Year Mr. Stratakis earned his Bachelor's degree in 1986 from Trinity College, and a J.D. from the American University Washington College of Law in 1989. Thereafter, he served as a federal law clerk to the Honorable Nicholas Tsoucalas of the United States Court of International Trade. After com-

pleting his clerkship, Mr. Stratakis joined Poles Tublin Stratakis & Gonzalez, LLP, the firm of which he is now Managing Partner, and where he has established a thriving practice in commercial transactions, real estate transactions and financing, maritime transactions and financing, and trusts and estates. In addition to being a successful attorney, Mr. Stratakis is the Chairman of the Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Honorary Past President of the Board of Trustees of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity from 2005-2008. Mr. Stratakis is also known for his philanthropy and generosity to Hellenic and Greek-Orthodox charities. He is married to Corina Gerontis, M.D., a pediatric ophthalmologist with Northshore/LIJ Hospital and has two children, Christopher and Anastasia.

The Hellenic Lawyers Association has hosted lectures, educational events and networking opportunities throughout the year for its members and for the Greek-American and legal communities. In addition, the organization presents scholarship awards annually to deserving law students of Hellenic descent. To apply for a scholarship, please contact us or visit our website. The dinner gala will also offer a silent auction and music by Alpha.

Federal and state court judges, local politicians, prosecutors, and prominent lawyers will be attending the event. Tickets are \$250 per person (\$200 for students) and may be purchased by mailing checks to "HLA" at 21-74 Setinway Street, Astoria, NY 11105 or calling Kate Christoforatos at (718) 726-5400 or by visiting our website.

For more information about the event please call Mamie Stathatos-Fulgieri at 212-599-8200. More information could be obtained through our website at www.hlan.org

Inova Health Gala



Auction Chair Maris Dukas Angolia with husband Marc Angolia helped raise funds for the Inova Health Care System at the Black & White Ball at the Virginia Ritz Carlton. Performing at the event was the legendary Aretha Franklin.