

Hellenic Lawyers' Judiciary Night A Success

New York: The Hellenic Lawyers Association (HLA) hosted their Annual Judiciary Night with a record number of New York federal and state court judges, some of Greek descent, in attendance. The event was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at the Atrium Café at the Onassis Center in New York City.

In addition to the many judges and prominent attorneys from the New York Metropolitan area, were the Consul Generals of Greece and Cyprus, the Honorable Aghi Balta and Andreas Panayiotou, respectively.

Judge Nicholas Tsoucalas, Senior Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and one of the founders of the HLA, said of the event "I was very happy with the affair. It was well-handled and it was wonderful to meet my fellow judges and Hellenic lawyers, many of whom I have known for a long period of time, and many of whom I was happy to meet at the event." The Honorable Andrew J. Peck, from the United States District Court Southern District of New York said, "It was a pleasure to again join with the attorneys of the Hellenic Lawyers Association, who have always made me feel like an honored and honorary



Greek." The practitioners seemed to have enjoyed themselves as much as the judges. New member Andrew Tsunis, attorney at Morgan Stanley, said of the evening, "Had I known how fun the HLA's events are, I would have joined the organization 20 years ago."

The cocktail party presented HLA members and guests with the opportunity to enjoy Greek food and wine in the company of New York federal and state trial, appellate and administrative law judges. The esteemed jurists in attendance also included: the Honorable Raymond J. Dearie, Chief Judge of the United States District Court Eastern District



Mamie Stathatos & Hon. Nick Garaufis

of New York, the Honorable Timothy Stanceu, of the United States Court of International Trade, the Honorable Nicholas G. Garaufis, United States District Court Eastern District of New York, the Honorable Robert L. Nahman, Surrogate, Queens County, the Honorable Fernando M. Camacho, Administrative Judge, Supreme Court, Queens County (Criminal Term), the Honorable Gerard Rosenberg, Supreme Court, Kings County, the Honorable Jaime A. Rios, Supreme Court, Queens County, and the Honorable Denis J. Butler, Supreme Court, Queens County.

The members of the judiciary were recognized for their service, commitment and contributions to the legal system and promotion of justice. HLA President, Mamie Stathatos-Fulgieri, Senior Attorney of Shaub, Ahmuty, Citrin & Spratt, LLP, presented the esteemed jurists with an Ionic column clock and extended the organizations appreciation for their "unwavering dedication to justice and for casting a positive impression of our legal profession."

The event was co-sponsored by Alma Bank and the Valiotis Family, along with the Chairman of the Board, Kirk Karabelas, also a member of HLA.

The Hellenic Lawyers Association is a premier organization of legal professionals of Greek descent. The organization promotes professional excellence, cultural awareness, community service and civic involvement. In addition to hosting lectures, continued legal education seminars and networking opportunities, the Hellenic Lawyers Association provides scholarships to deserving law students. More information is available at: www.helleniclawyersassociation.org.