

**HARTFORD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
JOHN M. BAILEY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**

The John M. Bailey Memorial Award for Public Service (the "Award") is awarded periodically by The Hartford County Bar Association ("HCBA") to a worthy Hartford County lawyer who has demonstrated a sustained commitment to the highest ideals of the legal profession while in public service. Named in honor of former Chief State's Attorney and past HCBA President John M. ("Jack") Bailey, the award is intended to recognize public servants who, like Jack, make extraordinary contributions to our community by dedicating their professional lives to public service.

The selection criteria includes (1) extraordinary contributions to the Greater Hartford community, (2) bringing about positive social, economic or political action, (3) bringing credit to the legal profession, and (4) encouraging others by word and deed to emulate his or her dedication to public service. Candidates must also have spent most of their professional careers in governmental and/or public service.

Recipients and Date Awarded

Mary Rose Palmese

April 13, 2005

Mary Rose Palmese is the Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney for Geographical Area #15 in the New Britain Judicial District. She has held this position for four of the approximately twelve years that she has worked as an Assistant State's Attorney. She is the supervisor of four Assistant State's Attorneys in the Part B Criminal Court. Her office is responsible for the prosecution of felonies, misdemeanors and motor vehicle matters for five surrounding towns in the New Britain Judicial District. Prior to her work with the Division of Criminal Justice, Ms. Palmese was in private practice for five years. Ms. Palmese graduated with a B.A. degree in English from St. Joseph College in West Hartford, CT. She received her Juris Doctor from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

Grace Caverio Feliu

(posthumously)

April 24, 2007

Grace Caverio Feliu (1964-2006) was the Assistant Supervisory Public Defender for juvenile matters in New Britain. She spent her legal career in the public defender's office until rising to her supervisory position which she held until the time of her passing. She was a founding member of the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association and served on the Board of Directors of Community Partners in Action, an organization serving the needs of the needy in Hartford. Grace was a Hartford native and a graduate of Trinity College. She was a 1989 Graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law, where she obtained her juris doctorate.

Margaret Moriarty

April 29, 2008

Attorney Margaret Moriarty has dedicated much of her life's work to helping those living in poverty. She began teaching Spanish to high school students over 40 years ago. During summers, she worked in federally funded English, reading and math education programs for migrant workers and their children living in Hartford, and Roxbury and Springfield, Massachusetts. Her advocacy with migrant workers piqued her interest in the legal rights of children and families burdened by poverty and illiteracy, along with limited access to education, health care, or employment. She began her legal career over 30 years ago as a paralegal at Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS). After graduating from the evening division of the University of Connecticut School of Law, she served as a staff attorney and later the executive director of NLS. Since 1997, Attorney Moriarty has been a managing attorney at Greater Hartford Legal Aid in the areas of domestic violence, family law, public benefits, and education law.

**HARTFORD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

The Hartford County Bar Association President's Award for Excellence is presented to an attorney, preferably who practices in Hartford County, who has been engaged in the practice of law for more than 10 years, exemplifies the highest traditions of the legal profession, has performed significant services to the community at large, and exemplifies excellence and civility in his or her practice.

Recipients and Date Awarded**Hope C. Seeley**

November 17, 1998

Hope C. Seeley is a principal in the Hartford law firm of SANTOS & SEELEY, P.C. and has been engaged in the private practice of law since graduating with honors from The University of Connecticut School Of Law in 1989. She practices in both the state and federal courts and has been involved in a broad variety of criminal and civil cases, both on the trial and appellate levels. She is a Past President of the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (2001-2002) and she served as the chair of the Ad Hoc Criminal Practice Committee from 2001 until 2007 after being appointed to that position by the Chief Justice. She is a member of the Executive Committees for the Federal Practice and Criminal Justice Sections of the CBA. She lectures frequently on criminal law topics for various seminars and she has been an adjunct instructor at the University of Connecticut School of Law since 1989. She also serves as an

advisor/coach to a local middle school and a high school for their mock trial teams in a state-wide program sponsored by the CBA. In 2006, she received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the University of Connecticut School of Law Alumni Association. For the past few years, she has been listed in the criminal defense section of the *Best Lawyers Of America*. She also serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Community Partners in Action.

Eileen McCarthy Geel

April 13, 2000

Attorney Geel is an Assistant State's Attorney in the Criminal Appellate Bureau of the Chief State's Attorney's Office. She began her career as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Connecticut Appellate Court in 1989, clerking for The Honorable Paul M. Foti and The Honorable Maxwell Heiman. Attorney Geel received her B.A. in 1986 from Wesleyan University and her Juris Doctor in 1989 from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Dennis F. Kerrigan, Jr.

April 11, 2001

Dennis F. Kerrigan, Jr. is a trial attorney and senior counsel with the Hartford office LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae. He is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and obtained his law degree from Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary in 1991. He has tried and litigated cases in more than thirty state and federal courts across the country, and concentrates his practice in the areas of insurance disputes, complex litigation and the defense of government investigations. Among his public service efforts, Dennis was recognized for directing the Association's partnership with Lawyers for Children America, a nonprofit organization that provides legal representation for abused and neglected children. Now serving his second term on the Board of Directors of the Association, several years ago Dennis also created a referral directory for domestic violence service providers and recruited more than 100 attorneys statewide to provide free representation to victims of domestic violence.

Robert R. Simpson

March 26, 2002

Robert R. Simpson, a partner at Shipman & Goodwin LLP, focuses his practice on business, employment, and product liability and tort litigation. He represents major product manufacturers in a variety of matters ranging from automobile to asbestos. He has also handled complex business and employment litigation matters involving fraud, unfair trade practices, trade secrets, copyright infringement, non-compete agreements, confidentiality clauses, and employment discrimination. Attorney Simpson serves as a co-chair within the American Bar Association, the Executive Committee within the National Bar Association as well as the Connecticut Bar Association, serves on the Board of Directors for the Hartford County Board Association, Member of the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association, and an Advisory Board Member for the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association. Attorney Simpson has been recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's Leading Lawyers in the area of Litigation. Earlier this year, he was listed as a Connecticut Super Lawyer®: Civil Litigation Defense for the

second consecutive year. He has been honored as a 2003 James W. Cooper Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation, as one of the 2002 New Leaders of the Law by the Connecticut Law Tribune, and with a Judge Maxwell Heiman Memorial Award, by the Hartford County Bar Association in 2002. He is a member of the elite Oliver Ellsworth Inns of Court, a group of judges, practicing attorneys, law professors and students who meet regularly to discuss and debate issues relating to legal ethics and professionalism. Despite his demanding legal practice, Attorney Simpson devotes a great deal of time and effort to civic and community organizations in the Capital Region and is a recipient of the 2009 Urban League of Greater Hartford Community Service Award. Attorney Simpson received his B.A. from Boston University in 1989, his M.B.A. from Case Western Reserve University in 1990, and his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1993.

Michael C. Harrington

March 26, 2003

Michael C. Harrington is a Partner with the Hartford firm of Murtha Cullina LLP and he focuses his practice on labor and employment related litigation. In his practice, he has represented clients at the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, the Connecticut Department of Labor Employment Security Appeals Division, the Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission and the National Labor Relation Board. In addition, he has represented clients in arbitration and in both federal and state court. In 1991, Mr. Harrington received his Bachelor of Commerce with great distinction from McGill University, and in 1995, he received his Juris Doctorate, summa cum laude, from Syracuse University. Mr. Harrington deferred admission to law school and served as a VISTA Volunteer working with Foodshare in Hartford. Before joining Murtha Cullina LLP, Mr. Harrington served as a Law Clerk to The Honorable Robert I. Berdon of the Connecticut Supreme Court. Mr. Harrington has been involved in various organizations such as Justinian Honorary Law Society, Order of Barristers, Order of the Coif and the Oliver Ellsworth Inns of Court. In addition, he is Co-chair of the Hartford County Bar Association's Labor and Employment Committee and the Young Lawyers' Labor and Employment Committee of the Connecticut Bar Association.

Richard F. Vitarelli

April 28, 2004

Richard F. Vitarelli, a partner at Robinson & Cole LLP, focuses his practice on private and public sector labor relations, labor and employment law, and related litigation. He represents and defends employers before the state and federal departments of Labor, the National Labor Relations Board and the Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations, and state and federal fair employment practices agencies, including the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Mr. Vitarelli advises private and public sector employers on a wide variety of workplace issues. Since 2001, he has served as general counsel to the Waterbury Financial Planning and Assistance Board. He currently serves as chair-elect of Connecticut's State

Ethics Commission. In November 2002, he was recognized as one of Connecticut's "New Leaders of the Law" by The Connecticut Law Tribune. Mr. Vitarelli is a cum laude graduate of Suffolk University Law School, where he was a member of the Suffolk Transnational Law Review, and he is a magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Boston College.

Campbell D. Barrett

April 13, 2005

Campbell D. Barrett, a partner at Budlong & Barrett, LLC, focuses his practice primarily on matrimonial and appellate matters. In the past 10 years, he has participated in scores (if not hundreds) of contested proceedings in Connecticut's state and federal courts, involving a wide variety of complicated family, civil, administrative and criminal issues. In addition, he has been counsel on more than 25 separate appeals to the Connecticut Supreme and Appellate Courts. From 2000 to 2004, Attorney Barrett served as Chair of the Family Law Committee of the Connecticut Bar Association Young Lawyer's Section, and from 2000 to 2003, was a Barrister in the Oliver Ellsworth Inn of Court. He frequently serves as a Special Master in a number of different Judicial Districts and has lectured on complex family law matters before the state and local bar associations. Attorney Barrett is a Fellow of The Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellows Program, and in 2002, was recognized as one of Connecticut's "New Leaders of Law" by the Connecticut Law Tribune. Attorney Barrett is a graduate of American University's Washington College of Law in Washington DC, where he was a senior editor of the Administrative Law Journal, and of Trinity College in Hartford.

Kenneth J. Bartschi

May 16, 2006

Kenneth Bartschi is a partner with the Hartford firm of Horton, Shields & Knox, P.C., where he primarily practices appellate litigation in civil and family matters. He began working there as a law clerk in 1995 and joined the firm as an associate in 1996. He became a partner in 2000. He is a member of the bars of the State of Connecticut, the State of New York, the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Attorney Bartschi served as managing editor of the Connecticut Journal of International Law and authored "Legislative Responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa," which appeared in Volume 11 of the Journal. Recently, he served as the primary editor of Civil Unions: What Same-Sex Couples in Connecticut Should Know, which was published jointly by Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund and the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union. He now serves as co-author of Connecticut Rules of Appellate Procedure (Annotated) (2004 Ed. West) with Wesley Horton. Along with Wesley Horton, Attorney Bartschi has coauthored the annual Appellate Review for the Connecticut Bar Journal since the 2000 Review. Attorney Bartschi has been a long standing member of the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund and currently serves on the Board of Directors.

Karen T. Staib

May 16, 2006

Attorney Staib practices in the areas of complex business and intellectual property litigation, with particular emphasis on franchise, petroleum marketing, noncompetition and trade secret matters. Ms. Staib represents clients in state and federal courts, both at the trial and appellate levels. Prior to joining the firm, Attorney Staib was a law clerk to the Honorable Flemming L. Norcott, Jr., of the Connecticut Supreme Court. Attorney Staib is a member of the Civil Practice and Local Rules Committee of the Connecticut Bar Association Federal Practice Section. She is secretary of the Oliver Ellsworth Inn of Court. Ms. Staib is admitted to the bars of the State of Connecticut, the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. She is also a member of the Hartford County Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Mark M. Porto

April 24, 2007

Mark Porto is a sixth year Associate in the Commercial Litigation Department of Day Pitney LLP. Mark's practice focuses on general commercial litigation, including creditors' rights and construction litigation, in both federal and state courts. Mark also has served on the legacy Day, Berry & Howard, LLP Hiring Committee. Before beginning to practice law, Mark was a Law Clerk to the Honorable Barry R. Schaller of the Connecticut Appellate Court. He received his J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 2001, with Honors, and received his B.A. from Yale University in 1998, with Distinction. He is admitted to practice in the State of Connecticut and U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut. Mark became involved with the Hartford County Bar Association early on in his legal career, and has served as a Law Day Committee Co-Chair and as a Young Lawyers Committee Co-Chair. Mark also serves on the Construction Institute's Program Committee, and is the founder and Co-Chair of the Construction Institute's Young Professionals Council.

Denise V. Zamore

April 7, 2009

Denise Zamore is a senior associate in the Complex Litigation Group of Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP. Denise represents clients in business disputes in federal and state courts and arbitrations in Connecticut and nationwide. Denise has been a Big Sister in the Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hartford. Through the Junior League of Hartford, she assisted in purchasing, organizing, and storing food and supplies for weekly distribution to needy students at the Martin Luther King Elementary School in Hartford. She has also assisted in raising funds for abused and neglected girls and women in Hartford. Denise serves as an editorial board member and Web Editor of the ABA Section of Litigation Minority Trial Lawyers Newsletter. Denise graduated from Georgetown University in 1996 and from Columbia University School of Law in 1999. She clerked for the Hon. Donald L. Graham of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida from 2002 to 2004. She is admitted to practice in Connecticut, New York, and Florida.

**HARTFORD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
JUDGE MAXWELL HEIMAN MEMORIAL AWARD**

The Hartford County Bar Association Judge Maxwell Heiman Memorial Award is presented to a Hartford County lawyer in his or her first ten years of practice who exemplifies the high standards of service to the profession, ethics, scholarship and devotion to clients that were the hallmarks of Judge Heiman's professional career as a lawyer and judge.

Recipients and Date Awarded

William R. Davis

April 11, 2001

The Presidents Award for Excellence was presented to renowned trial lawyer, William R. Davis, partner in the Hartford firm of RisCassi & Davis, P.C. This award is given to an attorney who exemplifies excellence and civility in their practice and who has performed significant services to the community. William R. Davis joined the Connecticut Bar in 1955. He was graduated from Providence College and received his law degree from the University of Connecticut in 1955. He is a member of the Hartford County Bar Association and has held all of its executive offices. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association and has served on its Board of Governors. He has been a member of the Board of Governors of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He was nominated a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation in 1982. He has been a member of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association since its formation and has held all of its offices, culminating in the presidency in 1962-63. Mr. Davis is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and of the International Society of Barristers. He is member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and has held all of the offices in the Connecticut Chapter. He has been a member of the faculty at the University of Connecticut School of Law, which has honored him with both the Distinguished Graduate Award and the Medal of Excellence.

Edwin Gordon Hebb, Jr.

March 26, 2002

Affectionately known to his friends and colleagues as the "Captain," Edwin Gordon Hebb has always been a leader in his professional endeavors, which include the building of his law firm, chairing the West Hartford Republican Party and serving the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. Ed Hebb served in Korea from 1950 to 1953. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1956 and earned his law degree from Georgetown Law Center in 1959. He was admitted to the Connecticut bar in 1960 and entered the practice of law in Connecticut with Atwood Collins II. In 1973 Ed Hebb and Richard Gitlin formed the law firm of Hebb & Gitlin in Hartford and began a practice focused on corporate finance, real estate, litigation and insolvency. After twenty-five years, Hebb & Gitlin merged

with the international law firm of Bingham Dana. Mr. Hebb is a semi-retired, although still active, member of Bingham Dana. Mr. Hebb's distinguished legal career includes his service as Chairman of the Connecticut Assemblies Commission to Study Legislation to Limit the Conduct of Bank Holding Companies. Mr. Hebb also served as Corporation Counsel to the Town of West Hartford. He is presently a member of the CBA's Admissions Committee and Chair of the Lawyer to Lawyer Dispute Resolution Committee. He is a former Board Member of the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen. He has also served as the Vice Chancellor and Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, a position he holds today.

Wesley W. Horton

March 26, 2003

Wesley Horton has appeared as appellate counsel, either at argument or on the brief, in hundreds of cases over a span of 36 years. He has participated in some of the most notable cases in the state, including the landmark condemnation case he successfully argued to the U.S. Supreme Court, *Kelo v. New London*, 125 S.Ct. 2655 (2005), and the de facto school desegregation case he successfully argued to the Connecticut Supreme Court, *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996). His appellate practice covers a wide variety of constitutional and other legal issues, in areas as varied as domestic relations, probate, personal injury and land use. Attorney Horton also consults with counsel at the trial level, in complicated legal matters or in preparation for possible appellate issues. In addition to his active appellate practice, Attorney Horton represents attorneys in professional disciplinary matters. He has given testimony as a witness on ethical and malpractice matters. From 1997 to 2007 he was the Chair of the Connecticut Bar Association's 52-member Professional Ethics Committee. Attorney Horton is a strong advocate for the Connecticut Constitution. He wrote the only published book on the Connecticut Constitution and published for the first time since 1818 the debates of the 1818 constitutional convention, critical to the interpretation of the Constitution. Attorney Horton is also a scholar on the history of the Connecticut judiciary, having written *The History of the Connecticut Supreme Court*, published by Thomsen/West in 2008.

Howard M. Klebanoff

April 28, 2004

Howard M. Klebanoff is celebrating over forty years in the private practice of law. After successful academic careers at Yale University and the University of Connecticut School of Law, Howard began to practice law with the United States Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. and then started to practice in the Hartford area in 1963. He now leads the firm of Klebanoff & Alfano, P.C. For the past thirty years, Howard has focused his practice upon representing the families of children with special needs. He helped to draft legislation which has led to the establishment of hundreds of group homes and assisted living accommodations for disabled adults and the Connecticut and federal laws that now govern the practice of special education law. Howard was a state representative for the City of Hartford from 1969 through 1977. He served as House Chairman of the Education Committee of the General Assembly. He was the first Chairman of the

Connecticut Board of Higher Education; co-chairperson of the first Commission to Study Educational finance Reform for the State of Connecticut and Chief Counsel to the Connecticut House of Representatives. He has also served his community tirelessly as a Board of Directors member of the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, the Connecticut Commission on Protection and Advocacy and the Learning Disability Association of Connecticut, among others. Howard has been the recipient of numerous awards for his work and deeds, including the Connecticut Education Association's Friend of Education Award and the Hall of Fame Award for Children with Learning Disabilities. Most recently, the University of Connecticut has established the Klebanoff Institute for Special Education in recognition of his work.

Louis R. Pepe

May 16, 2006

Louis Pepe is a *commercial litigation* and *construction* attorney who handles complex litigation matters in state and federal court and in arbitration, including business torts, breaches of contract and breaches of fiduciary duty. He has extensive experience briefing and arguing appeals in state and federal court. Mr. Pepe is the author of numerous articles and lectures on litigation techniques and methods, including the presentation of seminars for the Connecticut Bar Association and the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association. He has, for many years, been a member of the faculty of the Connecticut Trial Advocacy Institute sponsored by the Connecticut Bar Association Litigation Section. Mr. Pepe is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and an Associate in the American Board of Trial Advocates. He serves as a member of the American Arbitration Association Large, Complex Case Panel and was a member of the AAA's recent Task Force on the Construction Industry Rules. He is also a James W. Cooper Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Mr. Pepe is admitted to practice before the United States Claims Court, the United States District Courts for the District of Connecticut, the Southern District of New York and the Western District of Michigan, and the Second, Sixth and Ninth Court of Appeals. He earned his B. Mgt. E. degree and an M.S. in Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and a J.D., *with distinction*, from Cornell Law School. He is admitted to practice in Connecticut (1970).

Thomas J. Groark, Jr.

April 29, 2008

Tom Groark is a graduate of Holy Cross College ('58) and the University of Connecticut School of Law ('65). Following his graduation, he practiced law with the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department and later joined Day Berry & Howard, now Day Pitney, where he has been a trial lawyer for more than 40 years. He has litigated many major civil cases in Connecticut and beyond, including the Westinghouse uranium litigation in Virginia, Diamond Shamrock's agent orange insurance coverage claim in New Jersey, and numerous insurance coverage, class action and security matters in Connecticut. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. In 2006, he was appointed by the Court in *State v. Ross* to advocate that the defendant was incompetent to waive his right

to further proceedings. In 2007, he was appointed by Governor Rell to Chair the Governor's Commission on Judicial Reform which addressed public access to judicial proceedings and records. He has served on the Boards of numerous civic institutions and as the Chair of Metro Hartford Chamber of Commerce, Hartford Stage Company, Hartford Golf Club and as Vice-Chair of the University of Hartford.

Honorable Marshall K. Berger, Jr.

April 7, 2009

Hon. Marshall K. Berger, Jr. was first appointed as a Connecticut Superior Court Judge in September of 1988. He currently serves as the Administrative Judge for the Hartford Judicial District where he is responsible for several courthouses located in Hartford, Enfield and Manchester. In addition to his role as the Administrative Judge, Judge Berger currently hears matters on the complex litigation docket. Judge Berger graduated from the University of Vermont in 1969 with a Bachelors of Arts and from the George Washington University Law School in 1972 with a juris doctor, cum laude. Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Berger was a partner in the law firms of Pease, Main and Berger; Sharp and Berger; and then O'Connell, Flaherty, Attmore & Forsythe practicing primarily in the area of environmental, land use and administrative law representing private, municipal, and corporate clients. He served in the General Counsel's office at the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and worked as a staff attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services Program in Washington, D.C. Judge Berger was a member of the Adjunct Faculty at the University of Connecticut School of Law, where he taught land use law. Previous to his assignment as the Administrative Judge for the Hartford Judicial District, Judge Berger served as the Civil Presiding Judge for the Hartford Judicial District as well as the Assistant Administrative Judge from 1995-2000. He also served at courthouses in Enfield and New Britain.