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## PENNSYLVANIA DISCIPLINARY BOARD



**Carl D. Buchholz, III**

**Carl D. Buchholz, III**, was honored recently for his service on the Disciplinary Board of the **Supreme Court of Pennsylvania** from 2006 to 2012. During his tenure, Carl served one-year terms as Vice-Chair and Board Chair. Carl was appointed to the Board by **Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille**. The Disciplinary Board is an independent board funded by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and consists of 13 members, 11 of whom are attorneys and two are non-lawyers, from across the state. The Board assists the Supreme Court in carrying out its exclusive jurisdiction over the licensing and discipline of attorneys in Pennsylvania. The Board members meet regularly to decide disciplinary cases and policy.

Carl also served as a member of the Client Security Fund Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania from 2001 to 2006; he was Board Chair from 2004 to 2006. The Client Security Fund reimburses individuals whose lawyers have misappropriated their clients' funds.

Mr. Buchholz was honored by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania at the Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia and was presented with several awards by Chief Justice Castille. In attendance were all six of the Supreme Court justices, as well as all of the current and many former board members.

**Carl D. Buchholz, III**, is Chair of the Maritime, Insurance Coverage and Appellate Sections of Rawle & Henderson LLP. His federal appellate practice includes an argument before the United States Supreme Court as well as numerous arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. His state appellate practice includes seven arguments before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as well as numerous arguments before the Pennsylvania Superior Court and Commonwealth Court. He graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1967 and Villanova Law School in 1970 where he was a member of the *Villanova Law Review* and graduated with honors.

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# BANKRUPTCY LAW



**Gary F. Seitz**

**Gary F. Seitz** was a panelist at the **Philadelphia Bar Association's** December 2012 roundtable discussion on "*Principles of Bankruptcy Law for Non-Bankruptcy Litigators: Practice Tips and Pitfalls for the Unwary.*" The session covered a wide range of issues, including drafting pre-bankruptcy settlement agreements to withstand bankruptcy attack; effects of the automatic stay on claims by and against the debtor, appeals, discovery; possible jurisdiction and venue changes once bankruptcy is filed; estoppel: litigation strategies that affect bankruptcy claims and vice versa; why it's not always a good idea to file a proof of claim; and preserving claims covered by insurance.

Gary will speak at a session on *Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights: "Over the Barrel,"* on May 3 at the **Transportation Lawyers' Association Annual Conference** in Napa, California. He will be part of a panel that will discuss the fundamentals of enforcing bankruptcy creditor claims, including claims for freight charges, the workings of unsecured creditor committees and the benefits of participation, preference actions and defenses that may be available to transportation providers, and recent bankruptcy case updates.

Gary is a partner in our Philadelphia office. He concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial bankruptcy, commercial litigation and admiralty and maritime law. Gary serves as a Chapter 7 Panel Trustee in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and acts as Trustee in Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 cases in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the District of Delaware. He has extensive experience handling bankruptcy matters for creditors, asset purchasers and trustees.

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## WEST CHESTER FOOD BANK



**John H. McCarthy**

The Firm is pleased to announce that partner and Executive Committee member **John H. McCarthy** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the **West Chester Food Cupboard**. The mission of the West Chester Food Cupboard is to provide supplemental food assistance to eligible, low income families and individuals in need. The organization is staffed completely by volunteers and provides a supply of food on a monthly basis to almost 2,000 area residents. The Cupboard's motto is "neighbors caring for neighbors." Mr. McCarthy began volunteering at the Cupboard on Saturdays in April of 2012. He was approached to join the Board of Directors and a formal vote recently confirmed his status as a Director of this charity.

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# TOP ENVIRONMENTAL LAWYERS



**Peter J. Neeson**

**Peter J. Neeson**, Chair of Rawle & Henderson's Environmental Law and Toxic Torts sections, and **Michael D. Heintzman**, a resident partner in our Pittsburgh office, have been selected as **2013 Top Rated Lawyers for Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources** by Martindale-Hubbell.



**Michael D. Heintzman**

**Peter Neeson**, a practicing trial attorney for 34 years, concentrates his practice in environmental law and toxic torts. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New York, and has been rated AV by Martindale-

Hubbell. Mr. Neeson has been selected by his peers in an extensive nomination and polling process conducted by *Law & Politics* as one of Pennsylvania's Super Lawyers every year since the program began.

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**Michael Heintzman** has over 30 years of trial experience and concentrates his practice on toxic tort cases. He has served as national coordinating counsel and national trial counsel in defense of asbestos claims, trying cases to verdict in numerous jurisdictions. He has represented the interests of carriers in Canada and London. He has been an invited speaker at trade groups and Continuing Legal Education seminars, and has presented in house training programs for insurance companies. He is licensed to practice in the state and federal courts of Pennsylvania and Colorado, as well as before the U.S. Supreme Court. He has been named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics*.

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# NBI ASBESTOS SEMINAR



**Aaron M. Dorfzaun**

**Aaron M. Dorfzaun**, Of Counsel to the firm in the Pittsburgh office, presented "*The Asbestos Case: Proving Liability and Damages*" at the NBI (National Business Institute) seminar on *Asbestos: Current Issues and Effective Litigation Tactics* at the Pittsburgh Marriott City Center in March. Aaron concentrates his practice in environmental and mass torts and commercial litigation. He received his bachelor's degree, *cum laude*, in history from Kenyon College in 1992, and his J.D. from the Washington College of Law of the American University in 1995. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Florida as well as the U.S. District for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

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## JUDICIAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



**Tara Gill Nalencz**

Tara Gill Nalencz addressed the **Judicial Fellows of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania** in February on *Expert Witnesses from Selection to Cross Examination: Strategies for Maximizing the Efficacy of Yours and Neutralizing Your Opponents*. Tara is an associate in the Philadelphia office and focuses her practice on the defense of catastrophic personal injury matters, including product liability cases, construction and industrial accidents, premises liability, dram shop liability and other general casualty matters. She has participated in the defense of numerous jury trials. Ms. Nalencz obtained her J.D. from the Temple University School of Law in 2004. She earned her M.A. in Spanish Literature in 2001 from Pennsylvania State University and her B.A., *cum laude*, in 1999 from Dickinson College.

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## NEW YORK PRO BONO ARBITRATOR



**Marc A. Sherman**

**Marc A. Sherman**, an associate in the New York office, was recently sworn in as an arbitrator for the New York County Lawyers' Association, Bronx County Bar Association, and Association of the City of New York's Joint Committee on Fee Disputes and Conciliation. The Committee on Fee Disputes and Conciliation performs *pro bono* work in which arbitrators resolve fee disputes between attorneys and clients in civil matters. Marc specializes in appellate advocacy and also focuses on professional liability litigation, defending architects and engineers in construction-related actions. He received his J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law in 2007. Marc attended Fordham University School of Law from 2005–2006 as a visiting student, focusing on intellectual property and international law. He received his B.S. from Ohio University in 1991. He is admitted to practice in New York and Connecticut, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL LAW



**Aaron S. Mapes**

**Aaron S. Mapes**, an associate in our Philadelphia office, spoke at a Delaware Valley Environmental American Inn of Court program on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in Dimock, Pennsylvania in January. The presentation, *Dimock: History, Reactions and Perspectives of EPA, PADEP, the Gas Companies and Affected Home Owners*, examined different perspectives on allegations that Marcellus shale well fracking caused drinking water supply contamination in Dimock, as well as the impact of natural gas exploration and state/federal relations. Aaron concentrates his practice on toxic torts, mass torts and environmental matters including underground storage tank (UST) cases, groundwater contamination cases and claim eligibility determinations. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania. Aaron received his J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law in 2011 with a concentration in Environmental Law. He completed three clerkships with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and was a Trip Leader and President of the Maryland Law Service Corps. He earned a B.S. in Business and Economics from the University of Pittsburgh in 2007.

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