

Dear Fellow Members,

I am pleased to report that this year's Fall CLE program at the Princeton Club was a big success. The fine program of panel discussions before a packed house was organized by CLE Co-Chairs Anna Erenburg and Rich Parke working in close concert with their active committee members under the watchful eye of Board Liaison Dorothy Auth.

A special hat tip goes to our Past President Marylee Jenkins for inviting Don Martens, and to Jessica Copeland for inviting Chief Judge Paul Luckern of the International Trade Commission as speakers for this event. Both Chief Judge Luckern and Don easily pass muster under the "10,000 hours" of experience requirement that best selling author Malcolm Gladwell suggests in his new book "Outliers - The Story of Success" is needed to be an "outlier" (read "luminary") in any field of endeavor. Their vast experience was aptly reflected in their fine presentations.

A special thank you is owed to Paul Slater for his all-day trip from Chicago through inclement weather to grace us with an excellent patent anti-trust presentation.

Also a big success was our October 15th CLE luncheon program at the Harvard club organized by Meetings & Forums Committee Co-Chairs Jay Anderson and Rich Martinelli working closely with Board Liaison Ira Levy. The program, which included a good mix of prosecution and litigation topics, is summarized elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin.

Needless to say, our committee activities for the year are in full swing. If you haven't already done so, now is a good time to reach out to a committee chair or co-chair as a first step to becoming active. All of the Association's committees and their chairs are listed in this Bulletin and on the *nyipla.org* web site. While active committee par-

ticipation is its own reward, it also benefits our employers by enabling us to develop networking connections and helping us grow in the field. It also contributes to that 10,000 hours of experience that Mr. Gladwell and others believe is important for taking on future leadership roles in both our Association and beyond.

Our next CLE gathering will be at the Harvard Club on December 13th featuring a lecture by Chief Judge Randall Rader of the Federal Circuit. Please consider attending. It will help you stay informed and stay connected to the Association.

Even though there's no snow on the ground yet, our 89th Waldorf dinner in honor of the federal judiciary is "just around the corner" on March 25, 2011. The NYIPLA's Outstanding Public Service award will be presented to the Hon. Arthur Gajarsa of the Federal Circuit. Judge Gajarsa has an extensive background in the patent and international law arenas, and has strong ties to our Association's geographical region.

At the Waldorf dinner we will also present a lifetime achievement award posthumously in honor of the diamond anniversary of the Hon. Giles S. Rich's term as President of our Association in 1950-51.

The keynote speaker at the dinner will be the Hon. John Gleeson. Judge Gleeson sits on the bench of the Eastern District of New York. His

speech will be presented after dinner, marking a return to the historical format used prior to Mayor Rudy Giuliani's appearance at the podium in 1996.

All-in-all, the March 25th gathering promises to be most enjoyable one - one that hopefully will evoke echoes of its origin in 1922, namely a dinner that is for judges and about judges. That is, of course, why we call it our "judges dinner". Hoping to see you then, if not sooner.

With kind regards,
 Dale Carlson

