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The Quarterly Newsletter of the New London County Bar Association

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Registration begins September 1, 2021 for the upcoming membership term. Application can be found on our website and will be emailed mid-August.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to review our special edition Service of Remembrance [here](#) published in honor of our colleagues who passed away in 2020.

The law libraries are open again!
Hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted.

If anyone lost a pair of sunglasses at the golf outing/awards dinner, please email Lisa at newlondoncba@gmail.com.

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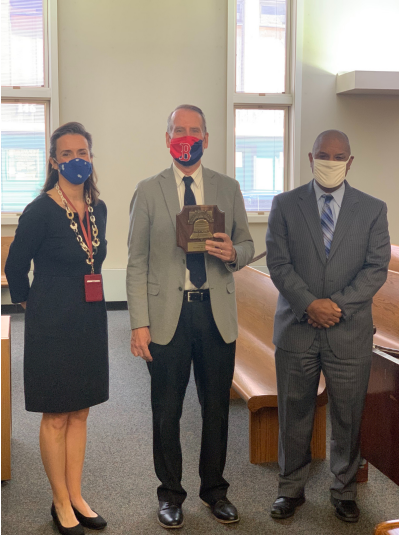
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A Message From 2021-2022 President, Linda Grelotti

I would like to start by thanking our outgoing President, Bob Clark, for his work last term. It may not have been the presidency he expected but through his leadership we were able to have meaningful events while maintaining the health and safety of our members. As the new term begins, we are hopeful that we will once again be able to meet in person. The board is planning events including the resumption of our MCLE program, our annual service of remembrance and others. If you have any suggestions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at linda.grelotti@jud.ct.gov or Lisa Southers, our Executive Director, at newlondoncba@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing each other as colleagues and friends soon.

Law Day 2021: NLCBA Honors Attorney Thomas M. Griffin



L-R Judge Nuala Droney, Tom Griffin, Judge John Newson



L-R NLCBA Pres. Bob Clark, Tom Griffin, NLCBA Pres.-Elect, Linda Grelotti

In-person events are back! On May 7th, the NLCBA proudly presented the annual Liberty Bell Award to Tom Griffin in his capacity as longtime Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney. Tom retired this year after four decades of service to the legal community. For those not in attendance, below are NLCBA President Bob Clark's remarks on the day of the plaque presentation.

May it please the court – Welcome distinguished members of the judiciary, the members of the New London County bar, other attorneys, honored guests and family. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Robert W. Clark and I am the current President of the New London County Bar Association. As President, it is my distinct honor and privilege to celebrate Law Day with all of you present here today. For those of you not familiar with Law Day, it was established in 1958 by President Dwight Eisenhower by proclamation and has been celebrated on or around May 1st each year since then.

The New London County Bar Association has usually celebrated Law Day typically with a luncheon, or in recent years a breakfast, and in even more recent years with a virtual award. There were brief speeches and the Liberty Bell Award was given. Today we are lucky to celebrate it in person with a small gathering of people to honor the recipient of the Liberty Bell Award for 2021.

This year's theme for Law Day is "Advancing the Rule of Law, Now." The Liberty Bell Award that we are giving out today recognizes a member of the local community (and in this case, New London County,) who has essentially rendered service that strengthens the effectiveness of the American system of freedom under the law. This person must have a strong sense of responsibility for community, welfare and public duty under the law. This person must help others to understand and assert their rights under the law, promote and encourage response for an obedience to the law, and assist in the smooth functioning of our system of justice.

What better person to have as a recipient of this year's Liberty Bell Award than Tom Griffin, who for decades in his career served in the local courthouses as lead prosecutor. He is from the local area having graduated from Norwich Free Academy and has worked in G.A. 21 since 1985, where he has served the community for 36 years. It is not his longevity that gets him this award, but it is the way in which he conducted himself as the top prosecutor in Norwich and the positive effects it has had on the community.

Thomas Griffin led for 36 years by the power of example of what he did and how he did it, and not by the power he had as a State prosecutor. He was fair, straightforward, and upheld the rule of law and utilized it to assist the entire New London County community. He had great respect for the rule of law, judges, other members of the bar, members of the public, and his staff. As a result, the judges, members of the bar, members of the public and his staff have tremendous respect for him. He made the system in the Norwich courthouse a smooth, functioning system of justice, and earned and encouraged respect for not only himself but for the rule of law and obedience to the law. That is how it should be, that is leading by example. He helped everyone to understand and assert their rights under the law and he had a great sense of community in his job. It is for these reasons that Thomas Griffin is this year's 2021 recipient of the Liberty Bell Award. Congratulations Tom!



NLCBA Honors Carolyn Kelly and Theodore Ladwig as 50-Year Members

On May 20th, the NLCBA hosted a full day of golfing at Great Neck County Club followed by an awards dinner at Langley's honoring two 50-year members, Carolyn Kelly and Theodore Ladwig. It was the first in-person event the Association had with over 100 people in attendance since February of 2020! Thank you to everyone who came out to support this event.

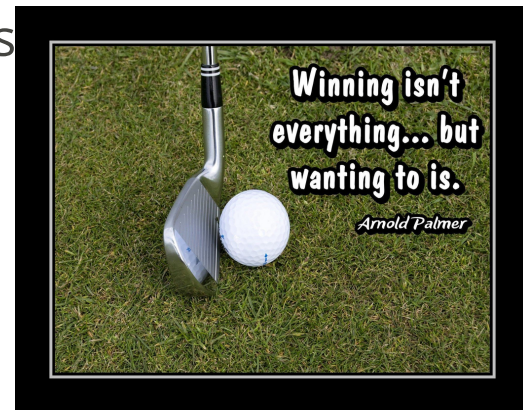
The first honoree is Carolyn Kelly. Carolyn currently practices at Suisman Shapiro and was formerly of the Law Firm of O'Brien, Shafner, Stuart, Kelly and Morrison. We have searched the records and we believe Carolyn is the first female recipient of this award for the NLCBA! Attorney Kelly is a 1991 past president of the Connecticut Bar Association and was on the Board of Governors for the American Bar Association for one term.

Our second distinguished honoree is Theodore Ladwig. Ted joined Conway, Londregan, Leuba & McNamara in 1971 and later started a solo practice in 1983. He is now fortunate enough to work with his daughter, Beth Leamon, and Cris Palmer in Pawcatuck. He is married to Cynthia, a longtime Stonington clerk. Ted has one son, Jim, who lives in Chesapeake City, Maryland, and a second daughter, Allison, who lives in Newport, Rhode Island.



Congratulations to this year's
tournament winners!

1st Place Gross (75)
Dan Horgan
Greg Carnese
Dave Pazzaglia
Anthony Basilica



Longest Drive
David Estep
Mary Puhlick

1st Place Net (54)
Dado Coric
Cody Layton
Brandon Marley
Michael Mich

Closest to the Pin
Chris Anderson 24'6"
Mary Puhlick 14'3"

2021 Scholarship Winner, Sophia Videll

Ms. Videll graduated with high honors from St. Bernard High School and plans to study business and law at Bryant University starting in the fall of 2021. In addition to her stellar academic achievements, Ms. Videll was the captain of both the varsity soccer and varsity lacrosse teams, served on the student council, and was selected to represent St. Bernard at the 5-day Xaverian Brothers campus ministry retreat. Her volunteer service includes years of work with the CT Make a Wish Foundation and Camp Rising Sun, a non-profit camp for children with cancer. According to her application essay, Ms. Videll was diagnosed with leukemia at a young age, "which caused a lot of hardships and struggles but more importantly helped me grow as a person." She has attended Camp Rising Sun since 2009 and is now in training to become a camp counselor. "I feel very fortunate to be given a second chance, and I want to make sure I can give back because of it."

The NLCBA is extremely pleased to honor Ms. Videll and to continue to offer this scholarship to the hard-working and motivated students of New London County.



A big thank you to outgoing NLCBA President, Bob Clark, for his leadership and commitment. Our "Pandemic President!"

Cheers To Our Peers

Congratulations to our peers who are excelling in their practices!

TCORS' Partner Glenn Carberry Receives Best Mentor Award from Connecticut Law Tribune

<https://www.tcors.com/tcors-partner-glenn-carberry-receives-best-mentor-award-from-connecticut-law-tribune/>

Attorney Sarah Gager has opened a solo practice! Check out the details at gager.law

Congratulations to Attorney Dan Horgan, President-Elect of the Connecticut Bar Association!



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