A Message From NLCBA President, Kristin Wainright

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank our outgoing President, Linda Grelotti, for her work during her presidency and all of her years on the Board. Linda always brought a great perspective to Board discussions and while we were not able to hold all of our in person events last year, Linda kept the traditions of the New London County Bar Association alive with a fantastic Law Day and Golf Event followed by the 50th Award Dinner. We are excited to begin a new term and are planning a number of events for our members. If you have any suggestions or want to become more involved with our events this year, please contact me at klwainright@tcors.com or our Executive Director, Lisa Southers, at newlondoncba@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you all soon.
Every year we meet on the first Friday of May to recognize Law Day. Law Day celebrates the role of law in our society. Now, more than ever, it is important for the legal profession to show our communities at large the positive impact we can have on society. This year's theme is Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change. How appropriate is it that this week, of all weeks, we recognize the power of the Constitution in our daily lives? We must acknowledge that the Constitution is not perfect or exhaustive, but is a dynamic tool to be used as a blueprint for our government to foster change.

Each year during Law Day, we award the Liberty Bell Award to a member of our community. The award is presented to a person who encourages a greater respect for law and who stimulates a sense of civic responsibility. Who better to receive this year's award than Jeffrey Nixon. Professor Nixon has spent his entire career serving the community. A graduate of Fitch High School, Professor Nixon served in law enforcement for over 30 years, both as Administrative Lieutenant in Waterford and Chief of Police in Groton Long Point. During that time, he was also a certified instructor at the Police Academy. He has been recognized by the New York Office of Mental Health for his work as a special topics instructor. Upon his retirement from law enforcement, Mr. Nixon became a professor of criminal justice at Three Rivers Community College, where he continues to serve our community by educating the next generation. His career has been dedicated to passing his knowledge onto others. The legal community as a whole is grateful for his service. Congratulations Professor Nixon!
Mr. Barrs graduated with high honors from Wheeler High School in North Stonington and plans to study history and business management at Roger Williams University starting in the fall of 2022, followed by law school. In addition to his stellar academic achievements, Mr. Barrs was the captain of the debate team, served as class president all four years of high school and was elected president of student government as a senior.

His extensive volunteer service includes years of work with the Give Back Club, "a group of likeminded students and teachers who participate in service projects." According to his application essay, "Dedication to serving my community is an integral part of my lifestyle. Even from a very young age, together with my family, I have participated in service events: church-sponsored meal delivery during the holidays, volunteering to complete yard work for physically disabled individuals, and raising funds for various charitable organizations. These small acts of service instilled a love of helping others in need within my character." More recently, Mr. Barrs, as part of the National Honor Society, raised nearly $1,000 for his local fire department to purchase a thermal imaging drone.

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

NLCBA Honors 50 Year Members

On May 19th, the NLCBA hosted a full day of golfing at Great Neck County Club followed by an awards dinner at Langley's honoring three 50-year members, Narcy Dubicki, Chester Fairlie and Ronald Stevens. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this event and congratulations again to our honorees!
Cheers To Our Peers

Attorney Zachary Kohl has opened the Kohl Law Firm, PLLC, which focuses on land use, property law, and nonprofit matters. Check out the details at kohllawfirm.com.

Attorney Neal Bobruff and his wife, Jane, were recently featured in the 2021 Year in Review edition of "Leading with Purpose," a publication of Lawrence & Memorial Hospital for their longtime, generous support.
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