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MEETING DATES 2018: 7 PM, Plainview-Old Bethpage Library, 999 Old Country Rd.

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We want to thank all of our past speakers!

Note: We are available for private lectures.

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Tues., Sept. 11, 2018 – Jim Coll – Self-Dealing in Government; Kathy Cole – Whistle-Blowing

Tues., Sept. 22, Family Law Reform Motorcycle Rally, Family Court Bldg., Islip – Text 631-800=9980

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Does anyone have any information on: (We will keep your name confidential.)

Judge Jerry Gargulio (S)	Judge Gail Prudenti (Ret.)	Louis Steinberg, Esq.	Michael Mirotznik, Esq.
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Judge Emily Pine (S)	Louis England, Esq.	Stephen Morelli, Esq.	Marion McNulty, Esq.
Judge Elizabeth Emerson (S)	James O'Rourke, Esq.	Sari Friedman, Esq.	Dean Skelos (N.Y.)
Judge Mel Tannenbaum (Ret.)(S)	Mildred Michalczyk, Esq.	Edward Hoffman, Esq.	Tom Montiglio, Esq.
David Grossman, Esq.	Terrence Hoffman, Esq.	Jason Barbara, Esq.	Ken Weinstein, Esq.

Don't just whine. Send letters to your political leaders. Copy the local newspapers. Start a legal reform group. Contact the office of the new presiding justice of the Appellate Division (in our area), Second Department Justice Alan Scheinkman.

Forty years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court cemented the Judiciary's status as above the law in *Stump v. Sparkman* in "absolute judicial immunity."

PREPARE FOR COURT (with or without a lawyer):

1. Consider asking for a Trial By Jury. (Must be on Notice of Claim)
2. Before you hire a lawyer or go before a judge, check them out on your computer, "Google" them, go to "E" courts, call other litigants, find out everyone's political affiliations and contributions, home address, etc., etc.
3. Contact the Ethics Commission and Grievance Committees.
4. What are their court experience? History?
5. Check political, social, business, charitable affiliations for the judge and their families.
6. Order minutes of your hearings; negotiate price.
7. Notify the Court or your lawyer in writing. ("No Backroom Conversations")

Even after reducing their "August recess" to just one week, senators still have 13 weeks vacation! (Source: Senate.)

Gregory Hesterberg, (a former Garden City attorney), was arrested and charged with stealing more than \$750,000 from clients. (*Robert Brodski, Newsday*)

Mildred Michalczyk, Esq., (Long Island) couldn't make it as a divorce lawyer. Call ALR for a list of victims.

Drugs and Alcohol Abuse in The Legal Profession: Lawyers are at increased risk for addiction (almost twice the general population). (*Psychology Today, Lindra Cidanbi, M.D., 7/17/17*).

West Virginia lawmakers impeach four state Supreme Court Judges for spending too much money (including \$1 million dollars on office renovations.)

A Durham County Judge awarded more than 8 million dollars to a husband for "intentional infliction of emotional distress" from the man a husband said seduced his wife and ruined his marriage. This conduct could possibly be applied for emotional distress and injury to children. (*Bruce Eden*).

Representative Chris Collins (Buffalo business man), was charged with insider trading (*WSJ, 8/9/18*). (A wake-up call for reform of House Rules). (*Boston Globe, 8/11/18*).

LAST STRAW: In recent months, officials in New York City, San Francisco, Miami, Santa Barbara, Portland and Seattle, have banned or are proposing banning plastic straws. (*WSJ, 8/8/18*).

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO STOP VOTER FRAUD: ("Judicial Watch", Washington, D.C.) Become a "poll worker" and/or "watcher". Perform "registration research." Write Letters to Editors. Call radio talk shows, e.g. Curtis Sliwa, Tel: (800) 848-WABC. Create your own blog. Be active in social networking. Seek required voter I.D.

A stubborn Supreme Court Judge, Armando Montano, is refusing a new assignment. He is able to sit at home, drawing his fat, taxpayer-funded salary of \$208,000. (*Rosenberg & Brown, New York Post, 7/23/18*).

Eric Schneiderman, (lawyer), was employed by New York State for nearly 20 years before he abruptly resigned amid domestic violence allegations. Schneiderman replaced Alfred Cuomo as Attorney General. He will collect \$5,329/mo. pension. (*New York Law Journal, 7/5/18*).

A **musician** that included one minute of silence in his album was sued for copyright infringement by another musician who had 4 minutes of silence. (*Randy Cassingham Stella Awards*.)

Our biggest summer party this past August 8th (Gary Jacobs’s home), was attended by several hundred. Activist awards were presented to Donald Caulfield, Judith Powell, Esq. and Judge Patrick Leis, III.

LEGAL WARNINGS; On jigsaw puzzles: “Assembly Required”. On diving boards: “All Divers Landing in Water.” On children’s superhero costume: “Cape Does Not Enable User To Fly.” On strollers: “Remove Child Before Folding.” On a fireplace log: “Risk of Fire.”

The ACLU filed a lawsuit to prevent the government from asking about citizenship on census. (*Dailywire.com*).

Americans are told by lawyers that they have the greatest system of justice in the whole world... (if you can afford it!) Hiring a lawyer to look out for you can ruin you financially, not to mention the speed of justice. (www.americanthinks.com, 6/11/18)

Ex-New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver was found guilty of all charges. (*New York Post, 5/1/18*).

GREAT TRUTHS:

If you don’t read the newspapers, you are uninformed. If you do, you are misinformed. (*Mark Twain*.)

One useless man is a shame; two is a law firm. Three or more is a Congress. (*John Adams*.)

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. (*George Bernard Shaw*.)

Government is the fiction through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everyone else. (*A French economist in 1850*).

In general, the art of government is taking as much money as possible from one part of citizens to give to the other. (*Voltaire, 1764*).

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn’t mean politics won’t take an interest in you! (*Pericles, 430 B.C.*).

How many Americans agreed with The Wacko Hollywierd that said, “Venezuela was the perfect social society.” (Michael Moore, Sean Penn and others.) (Venezuela has 35,000% inflation.) (*NYT*)

Recently, a Federal Judge approved a \$3.5 million dollar settlement in IRS Tea Party targeting (Washington Times, 4/4/18).by the Barack Obama administration over treatment of conservative groups. These groups had their First Amendment Rights infringed upon by the IRS. Similarly, Bob Schulz, Chairman of “We The People of New York.org., is defending himself from the corrupt IRS litigation initiated by the IRS four years ago.

A school tells student to remove an American flag from his truck, then realizes their mistake.

Every one percent increase in the cost of debt on our nation’s \$15.7 trillion of publicly held debt is equal to \$156 billion expense. (*Treasury Dept.*)

Maxine Waters’ (D-CA since 2013) husband’s bank was the only one bailed out by the government (Savage Nation). She was named one of the most corrupt members of Congress. (www.citizensforethics.org).

U.S. Attorney Robert Khuzani, Esq.’s statement re: Michael Cohen’s guilty plea, “significant violations of the law, especially when done by a lawyer.” (*C-Span*).

We will have to build larger prisons to house all the lawyers who are guilty of these “egregious acts.” (*ALR*)

A thief sued after being shot while robbing a liquor store for \$2.7 million. (*New York Post, 5/26/18*.)

A New York woman is putting Jet Blue on the legal hot seat after they torched her keister with hot tea. (*N.Y. Post, 9/2/17*.)

A customer sues “Threwed Roll” restaurant for \$25,000 after being hit and injured by roll. The café which features rolls being thrown, may be in hot water. (*Fox Now, 8/13/15*).

The Supreme Court sided with cake shop in same sex wedding case, setting aside Colorado’s court ruling against the owner who cited religious freedom and wouldn’t make a wedding cake for same-sex couple. (*CBS News, 6/4/18*).

BAR EXAM performance hits record low. (*Law.com, 4/19/18*.)

Who is behind the destruction of the American Republic? Corrupt lawyers! (*60 Minutes, 6/5/18*) Against the explicit warnings of the American Forefathers, such as James Madison, in some of the most famous Federalist Papers, (47 and 51.) “We have let one group of people take control of all branches of government with catastrophic results to this nation.” (*ALR, Eliot Bernstein*).

The John Birch Society advocates following the Constitution. (www.jbs.org). *What a novel idea!*

A top aide to ex-New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver who went to work at Kushner Companies after her boss got convicted on corruption charges in 2015 is no longer with the real estate firm. Judy Rapfogel was once among the highest paid workers on the state payroll as Silver’s chief of staff, and receives an annual state pension of \$115,889, the Daily News reported. She is the wife of William Rapfogel, who once headed the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty before he was convicted in 2014 for stealing from the charity. (*The Real Deal, NY Real Estate News, 10/9/17*)

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