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## OF NOTE

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## EVENTS

**ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE**  
Tuesday, June 16, 2015  
12:45 - 6:45 p.m. at Domus  
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**ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING**  
Thursday, June 18, 2015  
5:30 p.m. at Domus  
*All 2015-16 Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs are asked to attend*

**Don't Miss Out!**  
**NCBA DOMUS OPEN**  
Eisenhower "The Red"  
Monday, June 22, 2015  
Registration 12:00pm  
Shotgun Start 1:00pm  
Golf and BBQ - \$195pp  
Special Price - Foursome \$700  
BBQ Only - \$75pp  
5:30pm at the Carlton  
*Details page 20*  
*Call Perri (516)747-4070 x226*

**NCBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ORIENTATION**  
Wednesday, June 24, 2015  
12:30 p.m. at Domus  
*All 2015-2016 Board Members are invited to attend*

**WE CARE**  
Stephen W. Schlissel  
Golf and Tennis Classic  
Monday, July 27, 2015  
Tam O'Shanter Golf Club  
and The Mill River Club  
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## UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thursday, August 13, 2015  
12:45 at Domus  
Thursday, September 10, 2015  
12:45 at Domus

## Meet the 2015-16 NCBA President



NCBA's 113th President  
Steven J. Eisman

Steven J. Eisman, an Executive Partner at Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara & Wolf, LLP, Lake Success, is the 113th president to lead the Nassau County Bar Association. Eisman co-chairs the firm's Divorce and Family Law practice and is the law firm's matrimonial law senior litigator with extensive experience in contested custody and high net worth divorce cases. Steve Eisman has been an active member of NCBA for 35 years, and is a sustaining member. He has served on the Board of Directors for the past five years as an officer. He has chaired the Supreme Court Committee and is a member of the Matrimonial Law and Family Court Law and Procedure Committees. He also serves on the Advisory Board for the We Care Fund, a part of the Nassau Bar Foundation, NCBA's charitable arm. He is a reg-

ular participant in Continuing Legal Education programs of the Nassau Academy of Law.

During his term of office, Eisman's focus will be on sustaining the bar association for the next generation, concentrating on the physical headquarters building in Mineola as well as the organization's financial security. He also will seek to bridge the gap between young lawyers and members of the judiciary, a valuable benefit

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## Members Commended for Dedication to the Bar

By Valerie Zurlbis

Extraordinary service deserves recognition. Three Nassau County Bar Association members were recently honored for making important contributions to the Bar Association.

At NCBA's Annual Meeting on May 12, Hon. Peter B. Skelos, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, received the President's Award for his leadership in obtaining OCA funding for the NCBA's Lawyer Assistance Program; Rosalia Baiamonte received the Directors' Award for her service as chair of the Judiciary Committee; and Past President Peter Levy received the Frank J. Santagata Distinguished Past President's Award for his continuing dedication to the Bar.

**President's Award Honoree  
Hon. Peter Skelos**

The President's Award is presented each year to one member of the See MEMBERS, Page 14

## NCBA 116th Annual Dinner Dance Held May 9, 2015



MEMBERS OF THE DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL Seated from left: District Attorney of Nassau County Madeline Singas, Hon. Ruth C. Balkin, Distinguished Service Medallion Recipient Hon. A. Gail Prudenti, Hon. Carol Bagley Amon, Hon. Susan T. Kluewer. Standing from left: NCBA then-President John P. McEntee, Hon. Thomas A. Adams, Hon. Peter B. Skelos, Hon. Randall T. Eng, Hon. Leonard B. Austin, Hon. Edward W. McCarty III, Hon. Edmund M. Dane, Hon. Christopher G. Quinn and Hon. Norman St. George. See page 11 for more Dinner Dance photos. (Photo by Hector Herrera)

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Hank Aaron

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Monday,  
June 22, 2015

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Matrimonial Law**

Meeting Date: 5/13/15  
Chair: John DiMascio, Jr.

The CLE program "Religious Marital Contracts & Divorces," was presented by Suffolk County Supreme Court Justice John C. Bivona, along with Jacqueline Harounian, Leslie Martin and Alyssa Eisner. The feature, "A New Case from a New Face," was presented by Hilary F. Simon, who discussed the recent New York County Supreme Court case, *Baidoo v Blood-Dzraku*, in



Michael J. Langer

which the Court permitted the plaintiff to serve a divorce summons on the defendant via Facebook. The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2015.

**Condemnation Law & Tax Certiorari**

Meeting Date 5/28/15  
Chair: John Terrana

Discussion was presided over by the Chair regarding various issues of interest, including the finalization of the 2016/17 ratio, the effect of the Disputed Assessment Fund (DAF) on the effective tax rate for 2016/17, the countywide re-assessment, NIFA's approved additional borrowing of \$60 million for tax refunds and the new procedures for handling SCAR proceedings. The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2015.

**EISMAN ...**

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when arguing a case in court. He will continue to advance the quality of service of the Association to NCBA members, the legal profession and to the community.

**Professional Achievements**

Steve is an active member of various professional, civic and political organizations. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Delegate-at-Large to the Executive Board of the New York State Bar Association Family Law Committee, and member of the NYSBA Matrimonial Committee and New York Family Law Inn of Court. He previously served for 8 years as a member of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Tenth Judicial District (Nassau and Suffolk Counties) and was recently appointed by the Chief Administrative Judge

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of the State of New York as one of only four Long Island attorneys to serve as a member of the statewide "Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee."

His reputation has garnered him numerous prestigious awards, including a pre-eminent AV rating by Martindale Hubbell, and selection as one of the Top Ten Leaders in Matrimonial and Divorce Law by Digital Press. Eisman has been designated as a New York Super Lawyer every year since 2008 and he has also been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America®* since 2012. Long Island Business News selected him as a recipient of its Leadership in Law awards in 2012 and in 2014, Long Island Pulse Magazine named him the Top Legal Eagle in the areas of Divorce, Child, Family & Matrimonial Law.

**Community Service**

Steve Eisman has often been honored and recognized by various community leaders for his dedication to many charitable, civic and other not-for-profit organizations. He is a recipient of the Nassau County Republican Committee's Theodore Roosevelt Award for outstanding business community leadership and was the second recipient of the prestigious Rick Keidel Memorial Tribute Award from the NCBA Matrimonial Law Committee.

He is also a recipient of the Education and Assistance Corporation's Distinguished Service and Achievement Award, Court Officers Benevolent Association of Nassau County's Jurisperitas Award, Diabetes Research Institute Man of the Year Award, East Meadow Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year Award and is the first recipient of the New York District Kiwanis Past Governor's Council Distinguished Service Award. He has been recognized as a golf outing honoree by the We Care Fund, the St. John's University School of Law Alumni Association and the Education and Assistance Corporation.

He is a Past President of the Nassau County Jewish Lawyers' Association, Past Chair of the Board of the Education and Assistance Corporation and Past President of the Nassau Chapter of the St. John's Law School Alumni Association.

Eisman resides in East Hills with his wife, Kathy and daughter, Jamie, a Junior at Northwestern University. His son Scott is an associate attorney with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Manhattan, his daughter, Alexandra is an Assistant District Attorney in Nassau County, and another daughter Amanda, is a student at New York Law School.



**NCBA Domus Open**

**Monday, June 22, 2015**

**Eisenhower "The Red"**

**GOLF**

**Golf - \$195 pp**

**INCLUDES:**

driving range, green fees, gift, open bar & BBQ  
"PLUS"

Hot Dog, Soft Drink & Bag of Chips  
@ 9th Hole Snack Bar

**SCHEDULE**

12:00 p.m. - Registration

1:00 p.m. - Shotgun Start

5:30 p.m. - Open Bar & BBQ

(at the Carltun)

**Open Bar & BBQ only - \$75**

**Daniel W. Russo, Chair**  
**Robert F. Schalk, Vice Chair**

**For more information contact Perri 516-747-4070 x226**

*Guests agree to at all times indemnify and hold the Nassau County Bar Association and its officers and employees harmless and free and clear of any and all liability arising from any act of negligence or omission by guests with respect to the Domus Open.*

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