

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



The United Negro College Fund hosted its first “Yesterday for Tomorrow — A Celebration for Black History” reception in February at the Pyramid Club in Philadelphia. Attorney Rhonda Hill Wilson served as the vice chairwoman for the event along with its honorary chairman, U.S. Rep. Robert A. Brady. Pictured, from left, are William Harris, Hill Wilson and Danielle Scott.

EVENTS

The Philadelphia chapter of the

Association of Legal Administrators will host an educational lunch session titled “Empowering Firms with Electronic

Matter File” at noon March 26 at the Union League, 140 S. Broad St., Philadelphia.

The event is free for ALA members and \$35 for nonmembers. To RSVP, e-mail DBurkhardt@larssonlaw.com.

An American Civil Liberties Union CLE seminar, “The State Secrets Privilege: Torts, Torture and the Role of the Judiciary,” will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 3 at **Blank Rome’s** Marvin Comisky Conference Center at One Logan Square, 18th and Cherry streets, Philadelphia.

This CLE will discuss *U.S. v. Reynolds*, in which the U.S. Supreme Court first recognized the states secrets privilege, as well as litigation that sought to reopen the case 50 years after the fact; the government’s recent invocation of *Reynolds* in civil cases to defeat claims based on alleged governmental wrongdoing; and judicial and legislative responses to the executive branch’s increased reliance on the state secrets doctrine.

Registration begins at 3 p.m. Cost is \$25 for lawyers seeking one substantive CLE credit. For more information, contact Steve Gotzler at sgotzler@aclupa.org.

HONORED

Bruce Bellingham is this year’s recipient of the **Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts** Volunteer of the Year award from the **Arts & Business Council**

of **Greater Philadelphia**. This year’s awards will be presented May 15 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Bellingham has volunteered for more than 20 mostly music-related clients including the Philadelphia Clef Club and a record label.

Since June 2007, Bellingham has given more than \$35,000 in total pro bono assistance to artists through the council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joshua D. Snyder has been promoted to partner at **Boni & Zack**.

His practice focuses on complex litigation, with an emphasis on representing plaintiffs in antitrust, consumer protection, copyright, ERISA and securities class actions. Among other matters, Snyder is involved in the firm’s representation of the Authors Guild and the Author Sub-Class in the recent settlement in *The Authors Guild v. Google Inc.*



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Four attorneys have become partners at **O’Brien & Ryan**.

The attorneys are **Anthony DeMichele**, **Carolyn Dillon**, **Amanda O’Dea** and **Michael Pitt**. •