

# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

## ELECTED AND APPOINTED

**Richard C. DeMarco** has been appointed to the newly formed **Philadelphia Zoning Code Commission**.

DeMarco is an associate in the real estate and finance department of **Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg & Ellers** and concentrates his practice in zoning and land use matter, as well as administrative law, government law and real estate and zoning litigation.

**Rhonda Hill Wilson** of Philadelphia has been reappointed to the **American Association for Justice's** executive and membership oversight committees. Hill Wilson will also serve on the association's national finance and public affairs committees, and she was elected to the organization review committee. Committee appointments and elections took place at the association's annual convention in Chicago, held from July 14 to 18 in Chicago.

Hill Wilson was also recently elected to the **Public Justice Foundation's** board of directors. As a public interest law firm, the Public Justice Foundation has been involved in a wide range of litigation, securing justice through precedent-setting and socially significant individual and



**HILL WILSON**

class action matters.

## HONORED

**Philadelphia VIP** is announcing the start of a new initiative this fall, Volunteer of the Month. Every month the group will recognize an attorney that has captured the heart of pro bono service.

Last month, Philly VIP honored **Lise A. Fisher** from the **Law Offices of Michael E. Fingerman**. Lise has served as a volunteer for Philadelphia VIP for 16 years. She has helped over 20 clients resolve their legal issues.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**Villanova University School of Law** has received a \$600,000 challenge grant from the **Kresge Foundation** toward the school's capital campaign to raise funds for a new law school building.

The new building is expected to be available for the 2009-10 academic year.

The campaign, which began its public phase in April 2006, has raised more than \$17.5 million in gifts and pledges towards the goal of \$20 million. Payment of the Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant is contingent upon the law school's ability to reach its campaign goal.

In this program, the foundation focuses on opportunities to strengthen leadership and giving through challenge grants for capital projects. Projects supported include the con-

struction and renovation of facilities, acquisition of property and purchase of equipment.

Grant recipients have raised initial funds toward their respective projects before requesting foundation support. Kresge grants are then made on a challenge basis, requesting the raising of the remaining balance, by a deadline. It is an all-or-nothing challenge.

**Maron Marvel Bradley & Anderson** is partnering with **Widener University School of Law** in the launch of new law journal, *The Widener Journal of Law Economics and Race*.

Still in the planning-and-design phase, the journal will provide a forum for in-depth analysis and socially relevant discourse on the intersection of the law, race and economics in American society. This will be an online journal published jointly by Widener's Pennsylvania and Delaware law schools.

## EVENT

The annual **Walk to Cure Diabetes** event is scheduled to take place Sunday, Oct. 28, at

the Philadelphia Art Museum Steps, Fairmount Park and in Bucks County at Tyler State Park.

**Sherry Olin Lemonick, Ralph J. Mauro** of **Kleinbard Bell & Brecker**, **Elliott R. Feldman** of **Cozen O'Connor** and **James M. Becker** of **Saul Ewing** — who all serve on the board of directors of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)** — are asking law firms to create walk teams and are encouraging smaller firms or solo practitioners to join together to do so as well.

The legal walk teams will compete against each other for achieving the greatest number of walkers and donations, with prizes awarded to the top finishers. To get involved, contact JDRF at 610-664-WALK, ext. 9255. For further event information visit [www.jdrf.org/philadelphia](http://www.jdrf.org/philadelphia).

Also, on Friday, Sept. 14, at 8 a.m. there will be a JDRF Walk Corporate Recruitment Breakfast at the Union League of Philadelphia. R.S.V.P. for this event to 610-664-9255. •

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