

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

EVENT

Gerald J. Pappert, former attorney general of Pennsylvania, will be the distinguished guest speaker at a naturalization ceremony to be held at 10:30 a.m. July 24 in the Ceremonial Courtroom of the U.S. Courthouse, Sixth and Market streets, Philadelphia.

U.S. District Court **Judge Gene E.K. Pratter** of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania will preside over the ceremony.

Motions will be given by **Norman McCall**, district adjudications officer, and the oath of citizenship will be presented by **Aida Ayala**, naturalization clerk.

May Mon Post, of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, will offer remarks on behalf of the bar association. A response to the court on behalf of the new citizens will be provided by **Frieda Oputa**, formerly of Nigeria.

About 100 new citizens from 30 countries will become naturalized.

NEW ADDITIONS

Jennifer E. Cranston has joined **Ciardi & Ciardi**. She focuses her practice on general litigation.

John M. Guthrie and **Gina M. MacNeill** have joined **Rawle & Henderson** as associates.

Guthrie joins the firm's New Jersey office and MacNeill joins its Philadelphia

office. Both attorneys will concentrate their practices on the defense of commercial motor vehicles and their insurers.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Kay Kyungsun Yu, a partner with **Pepper Hamilton** and president of the **Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania**, has been appointed by Mayor Michael A. Nutter to the **Philadelphia**

Commission on Human Relations.

Yu practices in the firm's Philadelphia office and is a member of its commercial litigation practice group and the ERISA and employment litigation practice group. She is also chairwoman of the firm's immigrant domestic violence pro bono practice group.

Gina F. Rubel, a Pennsylvania attorney and president/CEO of **Furia Rubel Communications** in Doylestown, Pa., was elected chancellor of **The Justinian Society of Philadelphia**.



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The society is a legal organization comprised of attorneys, judges and law students of Italian ancestry. Its members engage in activities directed toward fostering a spirit of good fellowship, maintaining honor and dignity of the legal profession, performing civic duties, administering justice and promoting the study of law.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Norman Valz has been admitted onto the **Roll of Solicitors for England and Wales** with an active practicing certificate allowing him to practice law in England and Wales.

Additionally, this will allow him to practice law throughout the European Union up motion to the court of local jurisdiction. Valz's practice is based in Philadelphia and focuses on commercial litigation, corporate governance and securities.

SPEAKERS

Philadelphia attorney **Rhonda Hill Wilson** was an educator in four **American Association for Justice** 2008 Annual Convention events.

On July 11, Hill Wilson served as a panel member



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for the AAI's Women's Leadership Summit. The same day, she addressed the topic of voir dire at the 61st Annual Melvin M. Belli Seminar.

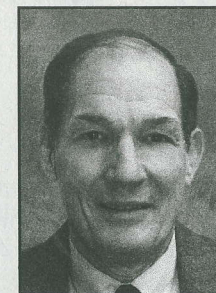
Hill Wilson taught a program on trial preparation on July 12. On July 14, she served as a moderator for a Nursing Home Negligence Litigation Group program.

Hill Wilson concentrates her practice in nursing home negligence, while also handling medical malpractice, catastrophic personal injury, wrongful death, motor vehicle accident and premises liability matters.

David E. Prewitt, of counsel to **Bennett Bricklin & Saltzburg**, was a featured speaker at the **Southern Methodist University Law School Air Law Symposium** in Dallas. His topic was "Replacement Parts

for Aging General Aviation Aircraft — Liability of Overhaul and Maintenance Facilities."

Prewitt's practice is involved with aviation litigation including the defense of airlines, airport operators, pilots and general aviation insurers. •



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