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New Jersey Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Inc. (NJVLA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a registered New Jersey charity that provides *pro bono* (free) legal referrals to organizations involved in culture or the arts and individuals involved in any creative or cultural endeavor, including musicians, songwriters, visual artists, dancers, poets, filmmakers, and writers.

NJVLA matches artist and arts and cultural organization clients with volunteer attorneys who assist them with arts-related legal issues

such as copyright, contracts between artists of every discipline and other parties, organization formation, taxes on artist royalties, and real estate and landlord/tenant issues regarding studio and gallery space, as well as help them to resolve many other types of arts-related legal problems.

NJVLA also presents educational programs and provides speakers on a wide range of arts-related legal topics. Our website, www.njvla.org, contains information on and links

to a variety of other arts-related legal issues and services.

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A CELEBRATION OF LAWYERS IN THE ARTS III: A WILDLY SUCCESSFUL BENEFIT FOR

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The New Jersey Law Journal produced its third biannual Celebration of Lawyers in the Arts on September 19, 2007, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. The evening featured attorneys and law students from all over New Jersey showing off their creative sides by acting, singing, dancing, playing instruments, and displaying their works of visual art.

The evening started with a dinner reception for more than 400 lawyers, judges, legal service providers, family, and friends in

NJPAC's lobby. Paintings, photographs, and sculptures created by lawyers and law students were on display in the upper rotunda gallery. A sold-out crowd in the Victoria Theater watched lawyer and law student actors, singers, dancers, and instrumental musicians perform the musical "The Pajama Game," a love story set during a labor dispute at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory and featuring the well-known songs "Steam Heat" and

"Hernando's Hideaway."

The event generated approximately \$45,000 for NJVLA.

On behalf of NJVLA and the entire New Jersey Arts Community, thank you to the New Jersey Law Journal staff and all of the participants in both "Pajama Game" and the visual arts exhibition.

See inside for a list of participants and photographs from this great night of entertainment.



Guests at the dinner reception in the NJPAC lobby enjoy fabulous food and musical entertainment provided by the Nick Pablo Thang, fronted by NJVLA Board President Nicholas Stevens.



Eric Lundberg (left), event producer Rob Steinbaum (center), and William Pollak (right) during the dinner reception. Photograph by Erin Mills.



Gregory Wirtz and Jacklyn Todd at the Celebration of Lawyers in the Arts III. Photograph by Erin Mills.



PARTICIPANTS

Performing Artists

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 Paul McRae, Choreographer
 Carol Ciancia, Costumes

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Producer

- Robert S. Steinbaum, Esq.



Vicky Marateo, Douglas Jones, David Hightt, and Yi Hightt (from left) enjoy the pre-performance food and cocktails. Photograph by Erin Mills.



Visual artist Alexis van der Sterre (left) poses with her work and Jaclyn Malyk. Photograph by Erin Mills.



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Gail Levinson from NJVLA client Arts Unbound (right) thanks NJVLA for providing free legal assistance to her organization.



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Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter O'Malley ("Vernon Hines") tries on sabotaged pajamas as Oak Ridge solo practitioner Kathy A. Biehl ("Mabel"), Elizabeth Municipal Court Judge Carl Marshall ("Max"), and Mark Friedman of the N.J. Public Defenders Office ("Myron Hasler") look on.



(From left) Counsel to the Newark City Council Victoria F. Pratt, New Jersey First Assistant Public Defender Joan Richardson, NJVLA Treasurer Pamela Labaj, and Rutgers-Newark law student Jeffrey Stephens ("Joe") dance to "Steam Heat."



Rutgers-Newark law student Daniel Brintz ("Prez") leads striking union members Lee Zimet, Director at Deloitte Tax in New York City; Rebekah Heilman, Staff Attorney at Northeast NJ Legal Services in Paterson; Jennifer L. Davenport, an associate with Patton Boggs in Newark; and Katie M. Holden, an associate with Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis in Woodbridge, in "7 & 1/2 Cents."



The stars of the show, Jonathan Peck, an associate with Patton Boggs in Newark ("Sid Sarokin"), and Lauren Van Embden, an associate in Millville's Philip S. Van Embden, P.C. ("Babe Williams").





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SILENT AUCTION

The silent auction at the Celebration of Lawyers in the Arts III raised more than \$4,000 for NJVLA. Many thanks to the following people and businesses for their generous silent auction donations.

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Gerald J. Batt, Esq., and Erica S. Batt
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The bidding was fast and furious all evening at the silent auction table. Photograph by Erin Mills.

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Theater Square Grill

NJVLA SERVICES

New Jersey Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Inc. ("NJVLA") provides legal education, representation, and other legal services to the entire State's Arts Community, and in particular to low-income artists and non-profit organizations.

NJVLA provides artists and arts and cultural organizations with referrals to volunteer attorneys who provide a range of services:



The Legal Line: An attorney discusses an arts-related legal issue with a client in a 30-60 minute telephone consultation.



The Law Fax: An attorney reviews a short (three pages or fewer) legal document and discusses the contents with the client in a 30-60 minute telephone consultation.



The Full Service Referral: An attorney takes on a case for an artist or arts or cultural organization when an arts-related legal issue cannot be resolved in a single telephone call, such as litigation, negotiation, document drafting, and organization formation. The attorney's time is provided free, with the client responsible for any costs such as court fees. Please contact us to see if you qualify for this service.

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