

ARTS LEGAL LINE

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New Jersey Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Inc. (NJVLA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit 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 New Jersey 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 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 a variety

of legal issues and links to many legal and arts resources.

NJVLA is the recipient of grant awards from The New Jersey State Council on the Arts; the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation; and The IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey.



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FALL FOR THE ARTS!**

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On Friday, October 24, 2008, NJVLA held a fundraising event, **FALL FOR THE ARTS**, at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey in Summit. The event featured a silent auction of artwork and related gift certificates, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres. The exceptional musical accompaniment to this festive evening included renowned



guitarist Frank Vignola and his friend and fellow guitarist Edward Laub. Frank Vignola is well known for his work with Donald Fagen, Wynton Marsalis, Bucky Pizzarelli, Queen Latiifah, Les Paul and His Trio, and others.

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Ed Laub currently performs throughout the state in local area restaurants and Jazz clubs and has recently performed with Frank Vignola and other artists in-



cluding Bucky and Martin Pizzarelli, Gene Bertoncini, Lenny Argese, Bill Wurtzel, and Jack Wilkins.

The event raised nearly \$6,500 for NJVLA.



NJVLA Board President Nicholas Stevens, Esq.; Ed Laub; NJVLA Board Vice President Deborah Fennelly, Esq.; and Frank Vignola (from left) serenaded the crowd at the NJVLA Fall for the Arts event at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey.

THANK YOU TO OUR SILENT AUCTION DONORS!



Lowenstein Sandler PC attorney James Smedley, Esq., and his fiancée Elizabeth Pleickhardt are all smiles as they enjoy a glass of wine at the NJVLA Fall for the Arts event.

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Event Committee members Nicholas Stevens, Esq., and Deborah Fennelly, Esq.

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Teresa Shields for donating gift items

Nicholas Stevens, Esq., and Starr, Gern, Davison & Rubin, P.C., for donating the wine

Erica S. Batt for invaluable assistance with creating the program

Seton Hall University School of Law and Rutgers School of Law-Newark student volunteers Shannon Hennessy, August Huelle, John Kelly, Erin Mills, Michael Vincenti, and Seth Wilson for their time and effort

The wonderful, talented, and generous area artists, arts patrons, organizations, and individuals who donated items for the silent auction

The extremely helpful staff at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey

Frank Vignola and Edward Laub for providing the music



Above: Arlene Yang, Esq.; Judge Sue Pai Yang; and Rosemary Steinbaum (from left)



Above: Lowenstein Sandler PC attorneys Matt Savare, Gal Davidovitch, Jennifer Fiorica, and Joe Steinberg (from left) share a laugh at the NJVLA Fall for the Arts event in October.



Left: Andy Hurley and Sarah S. Marcus, Esq.

Right: NJVLA intern Michael Vincenti and Fall for the Arts Event Coordinator Bridget Bland greet guests at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey.





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The crowd at the NJVLA Fall for the Arts event on October 24, 2008, peruses the numerous fine silent auction items available for bid. Many thanks to all who donated and purchased items.



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.



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