

**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](http://www.njvla.org), contains information on a variety of legal issues and links to many legal and arts resources.

**NJVLA is proud to announce that, since NJVLA's inception in 2005, our corps of dedi-**

**cated attorneys has provided thousands of hours of *pro bono* legal services valued at more than one million dollars directly to the New Jersey Arts Community.**

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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On Friday, October 22, 2010, 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. NJVLA honored Matthew



Savare, Esq., from Lowenstein Sandler PC for his outstanding work for the New Jersey Arts Community through NJVLA.

The exceptional musical accompaniment to this

# NJVLA & FRIENDS FALL FOR THE ARTS

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festive evening included Nick Pablo Thang, led by NJVLA Board President Nicholas Stevens, Esq.; Deborah Fennelly, Esq., NJVLA Board Vice-President; and David Maiullo, Mu-

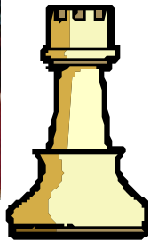


*David Maiullo and Deborah Fennelly, Esq., perform (above)*

*Current and recent law students (from left) Mary Kate Cusack, August Huelle, Alessandro Di Stefano, and Cara Parmigiani from Near Enemy Comics compare notes (below)*



*"Born Free" by Bonnie Kamhi, one of the spectacular works of art featured in the silent auction. Reproduced by permission of the artist.*



sic Director of The Bravo Alliance of Performing Artists and former client, NJVLA.

All together, the event raised more than \$7,500 for NJVLA!



*NJVLA Board Member Peter Skolnik, Esq., of Lowenstein Sandler PC, presents the 2010 NJVLA Outstanding Volunteer Award to his associate Matthew Savare, Esq. (above)*



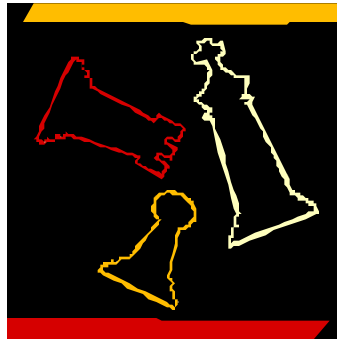
*Dr. Patricia Watson from Riverdale Art Center talks about her experience working with NJVLA and NJVLA Board Treasurer Siegmar Silber, Esq. (right)*



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## 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.