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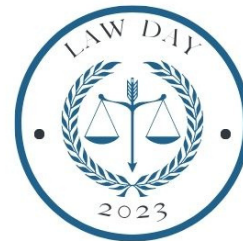
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Law Day Luncheon and Annual Meeting



May 4, 2023

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**Upcoming CLE:
Article 81 Guardianship,
Article 7 Refresher and more
visit our website for more information**

For more information or to register for any of these events, please visit our website,
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Annual Meeting Information

Dutchess County Bar Association
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 Budget

Projected Expenses

Category	Budget 22/23	22/23 Actual to Date (3/29/22)	Budget 23/24
Executive Director Salary	56,000.00	39,375.26	56,000.00
Employer Taxes/FICA	4,500.00	3078.12	4,500.00
Phone	1,680.00	997.24	1,680.00
Rent	7,200.00	4800.00	7,200.00
Insurance	2,000.00	733.98	2,000.00
Accounting	2,500.00	3495.00	2,500.00
Postage	500.00	17.40	350.00
Printing	250.00		150.00
Supplies/Office Expenses	3,500.00	1867.12	3,000.00
Monthly Lunches	6,000.00	4413.50	4,500.00
CLE	2,000.00		2,000.00
Web Site Fees & Updates	300.00		300.00
Special Events	3,500.00		3500.00
Annual Events	4000.00	7772.04	4000.00
Mock Trial	100.00	46.19	100.00
Conferences/Trainings	300.00		0
Meetings	550.00	25.00	450.00
Misc./Reimbursements	400.00	300.00	400.00
Office Equipment/Furniture	1000.00	1337.25	1000.00
Reserve Fund	35.00	-	35.00
Total	96,015.00	68,265.60	93,665.00

2023/2024 Anticipated Income

Category	Budget 22/23	22/23 Actual to Date (3/29/23)	Proposed 23/24
Dues	63,000.00	48,142.24	53,000.00
Lawyer Referral Service	8,000.00	3150.00	8,000.00
Luncheons	6,000.00	2462.83	6,000.00
CLE	13,000.00	2958.32	13,000.00
Sponsorship/Advertising	4,500.00	2300.00	4,500.00
Special Events	3,000.00		3,000.00
Annual Events	7,000.00	2530.00	7,000.00
Interest Income	-	29.98	-
Misc./Grants	N/A		-
Total	98,000.00	61,572.37	94,500.00

Proposed Slate of 2023-2024 Officers

President - Craig Burgess

President-Elect - Nathan Shook

Vice-President - Jaime Giannetta

Secretary - Carl Chu

Treasurer - Hon. Scott Volkman

Assistant Treasurer - Hon. Jeffrey Martin

Immediate Past President - Fred Clarke

Amee VanTassell Young Lawyer Award

Amee C. VanTassell was a gifted, young lawyer who started her career in 2006 as an associate with the Poughkeepsie, New York firm of VanDewater & VanDeWater. On November 29, 2010, she realized her professional goal of serving as a principal court attorney when she began working for the Hon. James D. Pagones, Surrogate and Acting Justice of the Supreme Court. Whether practicing law or serving as a law clerk, Amee was recognized by our legal community for her integrity, good judgment, sense of humor, communication, research, analytical and writing skills. Sadly, Amee passed away unexpectedly at the age of 36 on April 1, 2013, four days following the birth of her first child, a daughter, Rowen Emily VanTassell. The purpose of the award created in her name is not only to perpetuate her memory, but to inspire our young lawyers to emulate those qualities manifested in Amee's character. Nominees character should encompass a balance of the following criteria: Admitted 10 years or less, member of the Dutchess County Bar Association, peer recognition of civility and professionalism, service to the Bar and the community, as well as a commitment to Pro Bono service. The award will be presented at the June 1, 2023 DCBA Luncheon. **If you wish to nominate someone, please complete the form below and return to the DCBA Office, along with two letters of support (one letter may be from the nominator) and the resume of the nominee, by April 28, 2023.**

Nominee:_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____ Email:_____

Date of Admission to the Bar:_____

Bar Association Memberships;_____

Outstanding Contributions to the Bar:_____

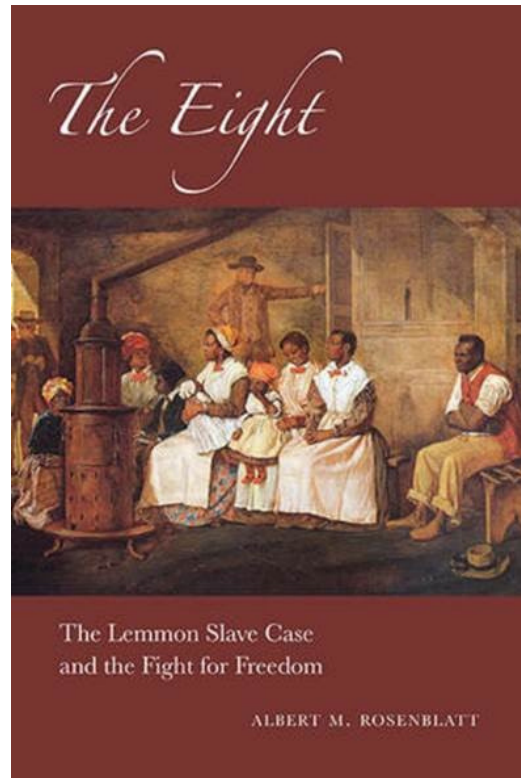
Outstanding Community Activities:_____

Pro Bono Commitments:_____

Submitted By:_____ Phone:_____

Email:_____

Book Launch



@The Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook
The Eight: The Lemmon Slave Case and the Fight for Freedom Wednesday
Apr 19 2023, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

The Merritt Bookstore, Millbrook Historical Society and the Millbrook Library
invite you to a presentation and discussion with Al Rosenblatt about his new
book, *The Eight: The Lemmon Slave Case and the Fight for Freedom*.

The Eight tells the story of *Lemmon v. New York*—or, as it's more popularly known, the Lemmon Slave Case. All but forgotten today, it was one of the most momentous civil rights cases in American history. There had been cases in which the enslaved had won their freedom after having resided in free states, but the Lemmon case was unique, posing the question of whether an enslaved person can win freedom by merely setting foot on New York soil—when brought there in the keep of an "owner." The case concerned the fates of eight enslaved people from Virginia, brought through New York in 1852 by their owners, Juliet and Jonathan Lemmon. The Eight were in court seeking, legally, to become people—to change their status under law from objects into human beings.

This event is being held at The Millbrook Library!

Here is the link : <https://merrittbookstore.com/?q=h.calevent&eid=25070>



Law Day Luncheon

May 4, 2023

12:30 p.m.

Locust Grove

2683 South Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Please join us for the presentation of the Gartland Award
for Community Service to
Lou Lewis, Esq.,

learn about an exciting project to recognize
Smith Thompson, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
(1823-1843)

and the installation of our 2023-2024 Executive
Committee.

\$40 per person, includes buffet lunch catered by

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Advance registration before April 29, 2023
is required.



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As a small firm practitioner since 2005, take it from me, I have tried it all from different practice management software, billing programs, bookkeepers, credit card merchants, banks, assistants etc. Being a small firm attorney is not easy, especially if you don't want to rely on administrative staff. Like any business owner, my focus is on making sure that I can run my law practice efficiently and with the lowest expense possible and in a way that fits my life. I don't want to spend my time managing employees, dealing with administrative tasks, or being a slave tied to my desk, and have built my practice to minimize that unpleasantness.

Here are 5 key tips to think about when running your law practice to make sure that your practice doesn't run you:

<https://easysoft-usa.com/guides/5-practice-tips/>