

The Bar Around The Corner: Orange County Bar Association

Association Name: Orange County Bar Association

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Website: www.orangecountybarassociation.org

Founded: 1910

Number of Members: 430

President: John S. Selinger of Goshen (Zeccola & Selinger, LLC)

Association Mission: To help lawyers help people. The association promotes

high standards of learning, professional skills, ethics and public service.

Brief History: Members are drawn from the Orange, Ulster, Sullivan, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties.

Our early directors named the association's goals as: cultivating the science of jurisprudence; promoting reforms in the law; facilitating the administration of justice; elevating the standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession; and cherishing brotherhood and sisterhood among the members.

The association recently celebrated its 100th anniversary by way of a black tie gala at West Point. It was attended

by most members of the association and by members of the Judiciary.

Services and Events: The association promotes continuing legal education, offers a referral service and provides resources for legal services to the indigent. It conducts board meetings on a monthly basis.

Signature Event: The most popular social event is the Annual Clam Bake, which usually takes place in August. Many members also attend our sponsored golf outing or play a tennis match or two earlier in the day.

Goals for the coming year: Improve the courthouse workplace environ-

ment, advocate for appropriate security and efficiency, increase membership and membership benefits, promote social events and increase the association's online presence by establishing practice area blogs.

The board also will consider creating a foundation and/or scholarship program in the Orange County area. ♦

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