

# Justice Steinhardt to Be Installed As Women's Bar Assn. President

Justice Marsha Steinhardt, one of the city's most respected jurists, will be installed as president of the Women's Bar Association on June 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Jury Room, 360 Adams St.

Organizers of the significant event have asked those who want to attend to RSVP to [jenfiorentino@aol.com](mailto:jenfiorentino@aol.com).

A graduate of Brooklyn Law School, Justice Steinhardt has not only loaned her considerable skills to a number of organizations, such as the Brooklyn Bar Association, she helped create one of the most effective bar groups in the city — the Kings County American Inn of Court, which carries on a tradition of collegiality and an ongoing study of the law that began 800 years ago with the London Ancient Inns of Court.

Upon graduation, Steinhardt

became a trial attorney for the New York City Transit Authority, gaining the kind of experience needed by any future member of the bench. She became a court attorney in Civil Court. She was elected to that court in 1991 and, in 1994, was elected as a Justice of the Second Department, Kings County, and was later re-elected.

In 2000 — working with then-Justices Abraham Geroges, Gerard Rosenberg and Edward Rappaport —



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Justice Marsha Steinhardt

Justice Steinhardt helped fashion this organization, which, since its inception, has been qualified to hold CLE-accredited presentations.

## Kings Inn of Court Often Uses 'Drama' To Make Legal Points

The Inn of Court's CLE presentations have been anything but dry and academic. Instead, each session usually features actual re-enactments of famous trials, crime scenes, or candid conversations among lawyers, plotting strategy in complex cases.

Costumes are often brought into the play. Justice Geroges presided over a Grimm fairytale skit as "Chicken Little," a fowl-like headpiece topping off his outfit. Barrister Joe Rosato is still remembered for his realistic portrayal of the "Big, Bad

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Wolf" in that episode.

Inn directors converted a courtroom into the stage for a feature starring Justice Rosenberg as the legendary Larry King — complete with red suspenders, horn-rimmed spectacles, television microphone and glaring Klieg lights! A bravura performance.

"We try to make these programs interesting and useful to all, especially newer lawyers," said the Hon. Rosenberg. "We realize that the biggest challenge younger attorneys face is actually stepping forth in a courtroom to conduct direct and cross examinations."

The Kings Inn will hold its June Gala at the Red Gravy Restaurant, 151 Atlantic Ave., on June 16. A brief program will include messages saluting the outgoing president, Justice

Ellen Spodek, and welcoming in a new slate of officers, including President David Chidekel.

Reservations are required, according to Inn Administrator Lucinda DiSalvo, who can be reached at [ldisalvo@courts.state.ny.us](mailto:ldisalvo@courts.state.ny.us).

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# Friends of Irwin Post First-Ever Plaque in Lawyers Room



ABOVE: Following a very warm and packed recognition ceremony in the JCP, colleagues of the late Irwin Kosover installed a plaque in his honor in the Lawyers Room at 360 Adams St. "It's the first time in courthouse history such a memorial service has ever been done here," said one veteran trial lawyer who knew Kosover for 40 years. Leading the post team is Steve Harkavy (left) with Kosover's daughters Carole and Amy and two cooperative colleagues, Lawrence Solstein and Larry Schiffman, whose extra reach was appreciated by Steve. AT RIGHT: Pictured, left to right, are Patricia Collins, an executive on the Second Department Character Committee; Lucinda DiSalvo, court attorney to Justice Ellen Spodek; and Avery Okin, executive director of the Brooklyn Bar Association. Photos by Verena Mentzel Otey



Brooklyn Daily Eagle Publisher Dozier Hasty, left, with Justice Ellen Spodek and retired Justice Jules Spodek.



Left to right: Justice Arthur Schack, retired Justice Joseph Levine, Mary Zuckerbraun, Justice David Schmidt and retired Justice Gerard Rosenberg.



Left to right: Larry Schiffman, Ron Bratt, secretary to Justice Arthur Schack; and Justice Arthur Schack.



Left to right: Justice Donald Scott Kurtz, who, as chair of the Kings Civil Forum, put the Irwin Kosover Recognition Program on the official Kings agenda; Justice Kenneth Sherman, who, as presiding JCP justice, hosted the program; and Chuck Otey.



Chief Administrative Justice Lawrence Knipel, standing, second from left, was "in charge" of the event. Seated are Irwin Kosover's daughters Carole, left, and Amy. Standing next to Justice Knipel, left, is Steve Harkavy. Right of the Chief Judge is retired Justice Joseph Levine, a program speaker who had known attorney Kosover since they attended "middle school" in Brooklyn, and speaker Mark Longo.

## Irwin Kosover's Daughters Liked Tribute to Their Dad

(Editor's note: The following is a letter from Carole Kosover and sister Amy about the ceremony for their very popular father and the Eagle's role and coverage of the event.)

To "Pro Bono Barrister" columnist Chuck Otey and Eagle Publisher Dozier Hasty:

Amy and I truly appreciate what the Eagle and its publisher, Dozier Hasty, did in making my dad's memorial possible. It all started with an Eagle article (by Chuck Otey), which my Dad sent to me a few years back. It's nice to know people in the press still care enough to recognize guys like my dad and help tell about the good our lawyers and

judges continue to do.

I really enjoyed (the courtroom ceremony) listening to Steve Harkavy and everybody's stories and I didn't want that to end. A lot of people came up to me with personal stories and it made me really understand how much my dad meant to them. What they said loaned more meaning to the stories that my dad told me. I could see the effort that was put into this event and I felt proud of my dad.

Thank you, Chuck, for giving me the opportunity to say something and I'm glad I reached out to you and that we got all that help and support from Steve Harkavy."

— Carole Kosover, June 3, 2014.