

Honors and Awards

Ashley L. Belleau, FBA immediate past national president and partner with Montgomery Barnett LLP, has been selected for inclusion in the 2011 Inaugural Edition of the Martindale-Hubbell® Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers™. According to Martindale-Hubbell, this is an honor exclusively for women who are Rated AV® Preeminent™. Additionally, less than 5 percent of women lawyers have been recognized with an AV Preeminent rating. ... **Michael J. Newman** was appointed as a U.S. magistrate judge for the Southern District of Ohio in July 2011. Previously, he was a partner and chair of the Labor and Employment Appellate Practice Group of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP's Cincinnati, Ohio, office. Newman is a member of the FBA Board of Directors and judicial profile editor of *The Federal Lawyer*.

Practitioners' News

Alison C. Hussey, a partner at Lavese Law Firm, has been named chair of The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar Committee for District 6960. She will oversee a committee of nine Rotary members who are responsible for reviewing applications and selecting Ambassadorial Scholarship recipients, who are awarded funding for travel, tuition, books, and room and board. An Ambassadorial Scholarship recipient herself, she studied in 1992 at the University of Melbourne in Melbourne, Australia. She is a Rotary alumna and current secretary of the Rotary Club of Cape Coral, the same club that sponsored her scholarship. Hussey conducts a general practice with a focus on estate planning, real estate, and probate. She also handles family law matters, is a board member of the Association of Family Law Professionals, and is a Supreme Court Certified Family Mediator. ... Florida Atlantic University has announced the appointment of FBA member **Ellen M. Lazarus** to its Lifelong Learning Society Jupiter Advisory Board. A member of both the FBA's Capitol Hill Chapter and Federal Career Service

Division, Lazarus recently retired as assistant director of the Congressional Research Service, where she managed a staff of more than 50 attorneys providing objective, nonpartisan legal analysis to Congress. A graduate of the University of Baltimore Law School, Lazarus has served as national president of the Federal Bar Association (1993–1994), president of the Federal Bar Building Corporation, FBA delegate to the American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates, and member of the Board of the ABA's Government and Public Service Lawyers Division. As a government senior executive and a bar leader, Lazarus has long been involved in leading, planning, and participating in legal education programs. She has attended Lifelong Learning classes for more than two years, volunteers as a class greeter, and serves on the program development committee. ...

Robert Shearman, a stockholder with Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt P.A., was recently certified as a circuit civil mediator by the Florida Supreme Court. As a mediator, he will work with parties to reduce obstacles and facilitate voluntary agreements to resolve legal disputes. Shearman is Florida Bar Board Certified in Civil Trial Law, is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell®, serves on Henderson Franklin's Executive Committee, and is a member of the Federal Bar Association.

Obituaries

Senior Judge Malcolm Muir, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, died July 22, 2011, at the age of 96. Judge Muir was nominated by President Richard Nixon on Sept. 28, 1970, and was confirmed by the Senate in October that same year. Judge Muir graduated from Harvard Law School in 1938 and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, rising to the rank of lieutenant. Known for constantly trying to improve his courtroom and also the system as a whole, primarily through example, Judge Muir was the nation's fourth oldest judge at the time of his death. **TFL**

Book Review

I appreciated the review of *Before Roe v. Wade* in the August issue of *The Federal Lawyer* but wonder how such a review managed to overlook Bill Baird. As a college student in Massachusetts in the late 1960s, I recall Bill Baird going from campus to campus and getting shut down, arrested, and more, for advocating birth control and abortion. He's the Baird whose U.S. Supreme Court case, *Baird v. Eisenstadt*, resulted in the legalization of birth control in 1972. See this link: www.umass.edu/menacetosociety/biography.html. Is he discussed in the book? If so, it should have been mentioned. If not, why is the book worth buying?

Jonathan M. Hoffman
Portland, OR

The reviewer, Christopher Faille, replies:

"Baird" appears in this book only within citations of the U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Eisenstadt v. Baird*. The context of those citations constitutes a valuable story in itself. Among the documents reproduced in the book are the U.S. district court's decisions in *Abele v. Markle* (D. Conn. 1972), which struck down Connecticut's abortion laws. There were two such decisions, because after the district court in the spring of that year voided an 1860 law criminalizing abortion, the state legislators interpreted this as a reaction to the presumed archaism of the law, and within weeks they passed a shiny new bill re-criminalizing abortion. The district court reviewed and struck the re-criminalization law in September.

Within each of these two decisions, the Supreme Court's then quite recent decision in *Eisenstadt v. Baird* is, of course, cited as precedent. The Greenhouse and Siegel book includes excerpts from the *Abele* decisions—and it is a good thing it does, because their historic significance might otherwise be forgotten.

That the mention of Baird, and *Baird*, is limited in this way may well disappoint Mr. Hoffman. Nonetheless, in answer to his query whether one ought to buy a book with such an omission, I can only repeat the gist of my review. I expect many will want to buy it, precisely because it collects valuable primary materials, the *Abele* decisions among them. **TFL**