

# after hours

## Two Honored by Middlesex County Bar

Two Middlesex County attorneys were honored by their peers at a joint Middlesex/Union/Somerset Bar dinner meeting held on Jan. 22 at The Pines Manor in Edison. **William Brigiani**, left, a partner with Brigiani & Cohen in New Brunswick, received the 2014 Edward Schoifet Family Law Award, presented by the Family Law Section of the Middlesex County Bar Association. **Manny Gerstein**, right, a partner with Gerstein & Richman in Edison, received the association's 2014 David Pavlovsky "Service to the Bar" Award. The Schoifet Award, the highest honor presented by the Family Law Section, commemorates the legacy of Edward Schoifet, who passed away in 2006, was considered the dean of the Middlesex County family bar and was recognized as a role model for all family law practitioners.



## Essex County Lawyers Chip in for Kids



The Essex County Bar Foundation's Young Lawyers Section held its casino night fundraiser to benefit Wynona's House on Nov. 14 at Ravello's in East Hanover. More than 120 people attended with almost 75 basket prizes available, including an iPad, a ski trip to Vermont and a round of golf for four at the prestigious Trump National Golf Course in Bedminster. From left, first row: **Kaleia Edmundo**, Volunteer Lawyers for Justice; and **Stacie Powers**, Connell Foley; back row: **Mark Moon**, Trenk DiPasquale Della Fera & Sodono; **Kenneth Rosenberg**, Fox Rothschild, ECBA president-elect; **Mauro Tucci**, Wolff & Samson; **Thomas Quinn**, Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, ECBA president; **Raj Gadhok**, Kozyra & Hartz; and **Robert Scrivo**, McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter.

## Seigel Capozzi Donates \$2,500 to YMCA Party



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The YMCA in Paterson held a Christmas Party gift giveaway on Dec. 21 for more than 150 children in the YMCA's supervised visitation program. The Seigel Capozzi law firm in Ridgewood donated \$2,500 in coats, hats and mittens. Standing among other donors and YMCA staff and friends are Seigel Capozzi partner **Edward Capozzi** (third row, far right); partner **Jonas Seigel** (fourth row, far left); partner **Jan Seigel** (fourth row, center).

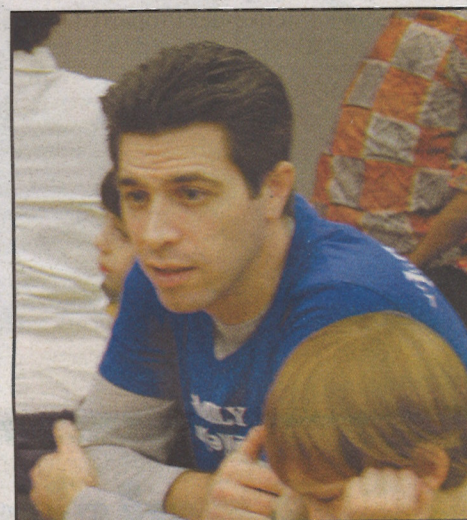
## Middle Schooler Designs Cooper's Holiday Card




Eighth-grader Lauren Romano of Marlton Middle School was presented with a plaque at the Dec. 19 Evesham Board of Education meeting in honor of her artwork being chosen for the holiday card at Cooper Levenson April Niedelman & Wagenheim in Atlantic City. Romano did a crayon drawing of a gingerbread man standing outside a gingerbread house. From left: John Scavelli, superintendent; Kate Sampson, art teacher; Cooper Levenson's **William Donio**, board solicitor; Romano; Joe DeJulius, board vice president; Sandy Student, board member.

## NJ LEEP Holds Fall Fundraiser

The New Jersey Law Education Empowerment Project held its fall Harvest Dinner on Nov. 22. The families of the kids in the program cooked the food. The fundraiser was also an opportunity for mentors and protégés in the program to celebrate and enjoy each other's company. **Lawrence del Rossi** of Drinker Biddle (pictured), an NJ LEEP Young Professionals Board member, met with the family of his protégé, Yamil Laboy. The dinner was held at Teachers Village in Newark, in a space donated by Discovery Charter School and SPARK Academy, both of Newark.






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