

Leading by Example

by Anthony Green

This edition's LAWPAC hero is Nancy Winkler, a partner in the firm Eisenberg Rothweiler Winkler Eisenberg & Jeck, P.C. in Philadelphia. Nancy is a member of PaAJ's Board of Governors and has been an integral part of the Association for many years, as well as PTLA. PaAJ President Mike Foley asked Nancy to be the PaAJ's Fund Development chair and it must have felt like that "Groundhog Day" movie to her, because she's done it before for us and last year as fundraising coordinator of PTLA's PAC, Committee for a Better Tomorrow. But, thankfully, she accepted the challenge. Nancy's effort, and those made by many other members, goes a long way in ensuring the rights of Pennsylvania's citizens remain paramount. The pre-election one-time LAWPAC drive raised over \$200,000, which must be a record (See page 9 for a list of these contributors). Nancy had great partners in this effort in Mike Foley, Mark Phenicie, Tim Conboy and many others, but Nancy was in so many ways the relentless driving force, just like she is in representing her clients.

"Unlike many other states," Nancy said, "We have been spared any major 'tort reform' largely because of the support LAWPAC has provided to candidates who understand the importance of keeping the courthouse doors open and the playing field level."

The results of this past election were very pos-

itive for the civil justice rights of the people of Pennsylvania. Many pro-civil justice candidates either retained or won seats in the state House. Mark Phenicie said it best: "Without a doubt, pro-civil justice candidates would not have won the House without the resources of LAWPAC." Nancy is one of the many members who truly understands LAWPAC's great impact. She is also a member who is not content with just her own involvement; she calls on others.



Nancy Winkler

"All of the attorneys in our firm are indoctrinated about the significance of LAWPAC when they join us," Nancy said, "Giving to LAWPAC is part of the culture at our firm. That culture should be duplicated at all plaintiffs' firms in our state."

Nancy's next challenge will be obtaining LAWPAC monthly upgrades—which is not a warning for you to duck her calls. What

Nancy is asking you to do is vital to our mission. LAWPAC remains one of the most powerful non-union PACs in the state, but its monthly proceeds have remained static, especially when compared with "political inflation." So here's one idea: Rather than avoiding Nancy's calls, upgrade your LAWPAC monthly withdrawal right now.

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