

**ARTS LEGAL LINE**

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- You can send a check to NJVLA, P.O. Box 1520, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021.
- You can donate securely using PayPal right from our website, [www.njvla.org](http://www.njvla.org).
- You can use [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) as your search engine and designate NJVLA as your chosen charity.

New Jersey Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Inc. (NJVLA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a registered New Jersey charity that provides *pro bono* (free) legal referrals to organizations involved in culture or the arts and individuals involved in any creative or cultural endeavor, including musicians, songwriters, visual artists, dancers, poets, filmmakers, and writers.

NJVLA matches New Jersey artist and arts and cultural organization clients with volunteer attorneys who assist them with arts-related legal issues such as copy-right, contracts between art-

ists of every discipline and other parties, organization formation, taxes on artist royalties, and real estate and landlord/tenant issues regarding studio and gallery space, as well as many other types of arts-related legal problems.

NJVLA also presents educational programs and provides speakers on a wide range of arts-related legal topics. Our website, [www.njvla.org](http://www.njvla.org), contains information on a variety of legal issues and links to many legal and arts resources.

NJVLA is the recipient of grant awards from The New Jersey State Council on the Arts; the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation; and The IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey.



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September is rapidly approaching, and with it comes the *New Jersey Law Journal's* Celebration of Lawyers in the Arts IV. On September 16, 2009, lawyers from all over the state will take the stage at



the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark to perform an original production of the 1961 Tony Award-winning musical comedy romance "Bye Bye Birdie."

# About NJVLA

## Presenting

### *A Celebration of Lawyers in the Arts IV:*

# Bye Bye Birdie

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*Celebration of Lawyers in the Arts* has a long and – of course – creative history. The event began in 2003 to mark the 125th birthday of the *New Jersey Law Journal* and to encourage lawyers to develop their creativity. Since 2003, multitalented lawyers have presented a musical revue, which has showcased everything from classical piano to stand-up comedy, “An Evening of Legal Vaudeville,” and “The Pajama Game,” as well as a visual arts exhibition.

In addition to showcasing New Jersey’s talented lawyers, the Celebration, through the tireless efforts of many of its core performers, also was instrumental in the founding of NJVLA. Proceeds from this event will be donated to NJVLA.

The night will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the NJPAC lobby. Guests will enjoy cocktails and a dinner buffet while surrounded by paintings, photographs, and sculptures by New Jersey lawyers. The Nick Pablo Thang will provide the musical accompaniment.

At 7:45 p.m., the show, produced by Robert Steinbaum and directed by Rozanne Sullivan, will begin. As usual,



the performance boasts numerous creative and talented attorneys. Deborah Fennelly shines as sassy Rose Alvarez, Richard Pearson garners laughs as Albert Peterson, Jonathan Peck sings and dances his way into Rock and Roll history as Conrad Birdie, and Lauren Van Embden perfectly captures the sweetness of young Kim MacAfee. Accompanied by a chorus of dancers, singers, and a full orchestra, the show promises laughs, tears, and

some good, old-fashioned fun.

For more information or to purchase tickets or space in the ad book, please visit [www.njvla.org/celebration.html](http://www.njvla.org/celebration.html).



Regular price tickets are \$150, \$75 of which is a tax-deductible donation to NJVLA. Tickets for students as well as government or nonprofit attorneys and employees are \$100, \$25 of which is tax deductible.

Because of the current economic downturn and the resulting decrease in available funding, NJVLA needs your support now more than ever. So buy a ticket, purchase an ad in the ad book, buy a ticket for the 50-50 raffle to be held the night of the event, or just make a tax-deductible donation to NJVLA. Help us to continue to serve the Arts in the great Garden State.

# Celebration of Lawyers in the Arts IV

## Participants

### PERFORMING ARTISTS

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Rozanne F. Sullivan, Esq.,  
*Director and Musical Director*  
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 Ellen K. Rosenberg, *Stage Manager*

### VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE

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## New Contact Information for NJVLA!

NJVLA would like to thank Rutgers School of Law-Camden for graciously allowing Executive Director Tracey I. Batt, Esq., the use of office space.

The new telephone numbers for NJVLA are as follows:

**Phone: 856-963-6300**

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### NJVLA Services

New Jersey Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Inc. (NJVLA) provides legal education, representation, and other legal services to the entire State's Arts Community, and in particular to low-income artists and non-profit organizations.

NJVLA provides artists and arts and cultural organizations with referrals to volunteer attorneys who provide a range of services:



**The Legal Line:** An attorney discusses an arts-related legal issue with a client in a 30-60 minute telephone consultation.



**The Law Fax:** An attorney reviews a short (three pages or fewer) legal document and discusses the contents with the client in a 30-60 minute telephone consultation.



**The Full Service**

**Referral:** An attorney takes on a case for an

artist or arts or cultural organization when an arts-related legal issue cannot be resolved in a single telephone call, such as litigation, negotiation, document drafting, and organization formation. The attorney's time is provided free, with the client responsible for any costs such as court fees.