



**Rensselaer County Bar Association**  
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Re: Courthouse Artwork Restoration Project  
Annual Jones Fund Dinner - Cancelled

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope you are having a safe and healthy summer during this time of so much uncertainty.

It should come as no surprise to you that, due to the COVID-19 restrictions on social gatherings and the uncertainty related to the pandemic, we have decided to cancel this year's gala and set a new date for next year. There will be no fund raising dinner this year, there will be no honorees and the committee will not be restoring any of the remaining pieces of the collection until next year.

This past year, three large portraits in the collection were each restored and returned to their original locations on the east wall of the Hon. John T. Casey Ceremonial Courtroom. These portraits depict three members of the local bench and bar who served our community during and after the Civil War, namely: Hon. Edgar L. Fursman, Hon. Charles R. Ingalls and Hon. David L. Seymour. If you haven't seen them, you can check them out the next time you are at the courthouse in Troy.

A date late in October of next year will be selected for our next dinner and awards ceremony.

In the meantime, we hope and pray that this health crisis ends sooner than later and that some semblance of normal returns to our lives and the work we do.

Warm regards,

Michael Derevlany, President  
Rensselaer County Bar Association

P.S. Hon. Albert Rosenblatt, long retired Court of Appeals Judge, on behalf of the Historical Society of the New York Courts, is seeking a volunteer to write a **Legal History of Rensselaer County**. He has developed a template that can be used as a guide. He has been working on recruiting lawyers throughout New York State to participate in this effort of the Historical Society to compile a full legal history of New York. For more details about this project, please contact Judge Ed Spain at (518)948-1639.