



**Rensselaer County Bar Association**  
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Dana L. Salazar, President

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**OCTOBER 17, 2019, ARTWORK RESTORATION COMMITTEE GALA DINNER**  
**HONORARY COMMITTEE INVITATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As President of the Rensselaer County Bar Association, it is my honor to invite you to join the Honorary Committee for our **Courthouse Artwork Restoration Annual Fall Gala and Dinner**. On **Thursday, October 17, 2019**, this annual event will be held again at **Franklin Plaza** in downtown Troy.

At this year's dinner, the Bar Association will honor two people who have played a major role in this project from the beginning: **Anne Reynolds Copps, Esq.**, who during her tenure as the President of the Rensselaer County Bar Association spearheaded the Artwork Restoration Project and has been working tirelessly on this project for more than 20 years, and **Richard F. Reilly, Jr.**, our well regarded Clerk of the Supreme and County Courts, who not only has monitored and assisted in this project from the outset, but who has been a genuinely loyal supporter of our association and its many projects over the years. They will each receive the **2019 E. Stewart Jones Award** for their service to the bar and the community.

This past January, at its annual meetings, the **New York State Bar Association** awarded our Bar Association with its prestigious **2019 Bar Leaders Innovation Award**, recognizing our Artwork Restoration Project as "an excellent example of an innovative program that serves your community."

This esteemed project has been raising the funds and monitoring the work necessary to restore and preserve the portraits and pictures of Rensselaer County judges and lawyers that had been removed from the Rensselaer County Courthouse at the beginning of its renovation in 1997. Its objective is to return this historic collection to the walls of the Courthouse. Every fall we hold a fundraising dinner celebrating the memory of **E. Stewart Jones, Sr.**

This year, three very large portraits in the collection will be returned to the east wall of the **Hon. John T. Casey Ceremonial Courtroom**. They depict three members of the local bench and bar who served our community during and after the Civil War in the late 1800s. They include a rare pastel colored photograph of **Hon. Edgar L. Fursman**, and oil on canvass portraits of **Hon. Charles R. Ingalls** and **Hon. David L. Seymour**. To date, with funds previously raised, we have been able to return to the courthouse walls upwards of eighteen (18) pieces of the collection.

The restored **Fursman, Ingalls** and **Seymour** portraits will be remounted in their original locations on the wall of the courtroom. They will be unveiled in a ceremony at some time prior to the dinner.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS and join us for what is expected to be a most memorable event in which we will give well deserved recognition to Anne Cops and Richard Reilly.

We invite you to become a member of this year's **Honorary Committee** at one of the following levels:

**Senior Counsel** - \$500. (includes two dinner tickets)

**Partner** - \$250. (includes one dinner ticket)

**Associate** - \$150. (includes one dinner ticket)

Kindly make your check payable to **The Community Foundation – RCBA Jones Fund**,<sup>1</sup> and forward it to the Bar Association at the above address. Please respond no later than **Friday, August 30, 2019**, to insure your listing in the invitation.

Very truly yours,



Dana L. Salazar, Esq.

President, Rensselaer County Bar Association

P. S. In your response, please indicate how you would like to be listed as a member of the **Honorary Committee**.

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The Jones Fund is a component fund of **The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region**. A copy of The Community Foundation's latest annual report may be obtained, on request, by contacting The Community Foundation, Two Tower Place, Albany, NY 12203 or from the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway – 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10271.