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THE COURTS OF LAST RESORT

As the U.S. Supreme Court embraces federalism, are state supreme courts becoming the new power centers?



of a national 401(k), was introduced recently and already required governance changes. In addition, new law providing for voluntary provisions was adopted, and it requires implementing regulations.” She adds that at the time Georgia was also at the cusp of a very important elec-

1980

→ 45TH REUNION OCT. 24-26, 2020

GARY CLEMENTS, now retired from North Carolina, writes about his first published novel: “‘*Deaf Speaks!*’ is the satirical tale of a professor who uses artificial intelligence to convert his pet beagle’s vociferous barks into intelligible human speech. When not writing, Clements enjoys spending time with his children, grandchildren and playing golf.”

1985

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After 28 years teaching criminal evidence, and legal ethics at Boston College Law School, **R. MICHAEL SIDY** has published his first work of fiction, a legal thriller set in Boston: “*When the Past is All Deception*” (Atmosphere Press).

EVELYN D. GIACCIO has joined Cole Schotz as a member in the firm’s real estate department and is based in New York. Her practice focuses on real estate finance, purchases/sales, joint ventures, development and construction, and other matters. Giaccio joined the firm from Counterpointe Sustainable Real Estate, where she served as managing director and general counsel.

In August 2024, **JOHN KUNICH** wrote: “Three-time Tony Award winners Jay and Cindy Gutterman will be the lead producers for ‘*Marva!*,’ my musical play about Marva Collins and her founding of a life-changing school in Chicago’s inner city. The Guttermans are assembling the production team necessary for a Broadway run. I’ve written all the music, lyrics, and book (script) for the show.”

1986

GREGORY J. GLOVER,

a pharmaceutical intellectual property attorney, is the author of “*Regulatory IP: Essentials of Lifecycle Management for Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Products*.” This resource for scientists, drug sponsors, investors, and other pharmaceutical industry pros includes accessible knowledge and insights on patent protection, FDA regulation, and manufacturing criteria.

where you can mentor, socialize, or just hang out with fellow alumni.” For more information on the HLSA, go to Hlsa.org.

When the Supreme Court decides a case on the narrowest of margins, the justices’ political ideology does not determine who will land in the majority and minority, contends **NICHOLAS GEORGAKOPOULOS LL.M. S.J.D. ’92** in his recent book “*Five-Four: Dissecting Supreme Court Tightly Split Decisions*,” co-written with Frank Sullivan Jr. (both are professors at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law). The authors create an “index of fluidity” cataloguing 5-4 Court decisions from 1946 through 2014 and find that multiple coalitions are responsible for the tight splits. They also illustrate these dynamics in fold-out posters included with the book. “The media that complain about politicization do not acknowledge that the justices vote on all issues based on their judicial philosophies,” they write.

1990

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1991

PETER BEKKER LL.M. writes that he has joined Dentons US as a partner in the New York office, working in the international arbitration team within the commercial litigation department that is headed by **SANDRA D. HAUSER**.

CHRISTOPHER EDEL writes: “I am deeply honored to have received the Award for Outstanding Public Service at the 2025 New York County Lawyers Association Public Service Awards Ceremony. Founded in 1908, the New York County Lawyers Association was the first major bar association in the country to admit members without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, or gender. I am currently senior trial counsel and

is co-author with Olga book “*Product Counsel: Innovate, and Inspire*,” the fall. Last August this book is the first of a product counsel for law students and law in product counseling. stands at the intersection of law and technology, shaping emerging industries. It provides an in-depth look into its development, for practitioners, and legal and regulatory ends especially relevant in transformative technology

He joined JAMS as a mediator after service as general counsel of the Food and Drug Administration, a life scientist at Sidley Austin, and as an attorney in the Justice Department’s Office of Inspector General. He has also taught FDA law and intellectual property at Columbia and Harvard