

Bar to Move 50 for Admission to U.S. Supreme Court

■ By Jeff Lyons

THE PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION will move up to 50 of its members for admission to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday, May 4. The admission ceremony will be made to the full court sitting in Washington, D.C.

“At the time I went through the process, I thought it was the single best moment of my professional career,” said Jeffrey Campolongo, who was admitted along with other Association members in 2006. “It was a very thrilling event. The strict guidelines for admission and the white-glove treatment when admitted are all worth it. We were able to sit front and center while the court delivered a decision in a very controversial case and it was as if we were the court’s special invited guests.”

Campolongo, who was elected to the Association’s Board of Governors in

December, was moved by the event. “I’ve argued in courts of appeals a number of times, but being in that ornate courtroom, overflowing with so much history, you really felt the stories told in those hallowed walls come to life.”

Campolongo was moved for admission by our then-Chancellor Alan Feldman and was sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts. “It doesn’t get much more story book than that. While I haven’t returned to the court to argue (yet), I don’t think I will be quite as intimidated now that I have been admitted when it comes time for me to argue.”

“It was truly an amazing accomplishment to join the elite group of lawyers admitted to argue before our nation’s oldest and most influential court. The Bar Association offered a great opportunity for me to make my own history, and I am so glad I took advantage of it,” he said.

The court’s requirements for a group



Chancellor Alan M. Feldman (front row, center) led a group of Philadelphia Bar Association members for admission to the U.S. Supreme Court in May 2006.

admission ceremony are very rigid. To review these requirements and to download the forms for admission please visit the Supreme Court’s web site. Select the Bar Admissions tab on the left-hand side and this will bring you to the link for the Bar Admissions Form and Bar Admissions Instructions. Please read the instructions carefully. Once you have determined that you are eligible for admission, please print out and complete the Admission Form. The instructions and guidelines are very specific and must be followed scrupulously. Do not fold the application or use

staples. Use paper clips only.

Once you have successfully completed the Admission Form, please mail it along with a check for \$200 made payable to the Philadelphia Bar Association to: Dawn Petit, 1101 Market St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Do not send the application directly to the Supreme Court. The event will be on a first-come, first-serve basis and all applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 16. For more information, contact Dawn Petit at 215-238-6367 or dpetit@philabar.org.



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