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Greetings. With this e-mail, we are inaugurating a new monthly newsletter to keep our members posted on the latest developments and most significant new events in the field of criminal law, particularly developments and events in the New York City metropolitan area.

We hope that, over time, reading and reacting to this newsletter will become a part of your regular routine; but to achieve that goal we need your feedback.

Computer Help:

You will note that this newsletter is being sent in two different formats - at least for now. One is in a format called HTML that everyone should be able to access.

The second is in a format called PDF - which requires that you install on your computer a **free** program called the Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have this program installed on your computer, please do so now. The PDF format is rapidly becoming the format of choice in the legal world, and unless you can access PDF files, you will not be able to take advantage of many, many wonderful resources on the Internet. To download and install the PDF reader on your computer, click [here](#) and follow the instructions. If you experience any difficulties, please send us an [e-mail](#) and someone will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Recent Decisions, Articles and Briefs:

- Under the "[Briefs and Motions](#)" section of our Web site, we have posted the [brief](#) filed on October 6, 2003 by Robert Morvillo, Esq. in *U.S. v. Martha Stewart, No. 03 Cr. 717 (MGC) (S.D.N.Y.)*, seeking dismissal of the Government's indictment in that highly publicized case.
- One of the most invaluable benefits of membership in the NYCBA is the availability of a free subscription to the ***Punch and Jurists*** weekly criminal law newsletter (***P&J***) - a resource devoted exclusively to tracking useful decisions and noteworthy events affecting federal criminal practitioners. Attached to this newsletter are sample copies of the two most recent issues of P&J, which you can download and print. If you wish to have these newsletters e-mailed to you each week as they are issued, simply send an email by clicking [here](#) and simply type the word "subscribe" in the subject line.

Upcoming Events:

Forthcoming NYCBA CLE Seminar

We are currently making plans to hold a CLE seminar in November which will explore the latest developments in legal resources on the Internet for the New York Criminal Defense Attorney.

Using our own Web site as the model, we will give participants a comprehensive overview of the many new and indispensable features that are available on the Internet. The seminar will be held in the Courtroom of the Future at the United States Supreme Court Courthouse, at 60 Centre Street, where you will have access to your own computer screen to follow our panel of experts as they guide you through practical examples of how to use some of the Internet's features to assist you in your practice. More details will follow shortly.

December 9, 2003: ANNUAL WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY

It 's almost that time again. Our annual holiday party will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2003, at 6 PM, at SPQR Restaurant, 133 Mulberry Street, New York, New York in "Little Italy." The buffet dinner is fabulous and plentiful, and the bar is

open all evening. Once again music will be provided by the Canal Street Dixie Land Jazz Band, with Justice Herbert Adlerberg on the banjo.

Pricing for this event and further details will follow shortly. We look forward to celebrating the winter holidays with our members and friends.

Additional Events of Note:

New York County Lawyers' Association and its Criminal Justice Section present:

October 21, 2003: Charles Evans Hughes Lecture
Hon. John S. Martin Jr., Judge (Retired), U. S. District Court, Souther District of New York
" Looking Back at 40 Years in the Federal Courts—What Does the Future Hold?"

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
New York County Lawyers' Association
14 Vesey Street (between Broadway and Church Street)
New York, NY 10017

Hughes Lecture Program Chair: Susan J. Walsh
Cocktail reception to follow.
RSVP to (212) 267-6646, x 223
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Web Site Features:

While we make changes on the NYCBA Web site on an almost daily basis, we plan to use this space in each issue of our Newsletter to tell you about some of the more significant changes.

Today, we want to tell you about some of the many new New York State criminal law resources that are available on the NYCBA Web site. However, because the very best way to explain to features is to make sure that you go to features noted below, we are merely going to list some of those features and provide the links you need to try them out yourself.

Thus, you can automatically keep track of your Court Appearances in criminal cases by using the "[Investigative Tools - Court Appearances](#)" button.

You can get the most current listing of telephone numbers for the New York State courts by using the "[Telephone Directories - State Courts](#)" button.

If you need information from or about the various courts in New York State, use the "[Court Web Sites - State Courts](#)" button.

And if you need to obtain copies of a decision or a ruling from a New York State court, use the "[Legal Research - NY State Decisions](#)" button. We think you will be amazed how many of the courts' decisions are now available free on the Internet.

Lastly, don't forget: this is your Newsletter. We can only improve its content and its quality if you let us know what you like and what you don't like. So, please stay in touch and send us all of your comments and suggestions.

Yours for a better defense,

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