

# Justinian Society to honor Archbishop Jerome ListECKi, Judge Maxine White and Renee Ramirez at 25th annual Columbus Day Awards Banquet

The Wisconsin Justinian Society of Lawyers invites the public to join in its salute to three honorees at its 25th annual Columbus Day Award Banquet on Friday, Oct. 12 at The Wisconsin Club, 900 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee.

The honorees will be Archbishop Jerome ListECKi, Milwaukee County Chief Judge Maxine White and Renee Ramirez, the founding Executive Director of the Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic (WCCDC).

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Business attire suggested. The cost of the dinner is \$80 per person. Checks are payable to the Justinian Society. For further information and reservations, contact Attorney Christine D'Angelo at 262-523-4321.

## Archbishop ListECKi

The Most Reverend Jerome Edward ListECKi will be the recipient of the Justinian Life Leadership Award.

ListECKi was named the 11th Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee by Pope Benedict XVI. He succeeded the Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan, who was named Archbishop of New York in February 2009.

ListECKi previously served as Bishop of the Diocese of LaCrosse. He was installed as Archbishop of Milwaukee on Jan. 10, 2010 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the Papal Nuncio to the United States. At that time, he assumed responsibility for the spiritual well-being of Catholics in the 10 counties of southeastern Wisconsin and took on the day-to-day administration of the Archdiocese.

A native of Chicago, ListECKi attended St. Michael the Archangel Grammar School, Quigley Preparatory Seminary South High School and Niles College of Loyola University. He began his graduate studies at the University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary in 1971, and was ordained a priest on May 14, 1975. His first assignment as a priest was at St. Margaret Mary Parish, Chicago, from 1975-1976. In 1976, he was appointed Dean of Students at Quigley Preparatory Seminary North, Chicago, and was also assigned to Mater Christi Parish, North Riverside, Ill.

He began graduate studies in Canon Law and Moral Theology in 1979 at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, earning a doctoral degree in Canon Law in 1981, and continuing Moral Theology studies until his return to the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1983. Upon his return, he taught Canon Law and Moral Theology at the Archdiocese of Chicago major seminary, the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Ill. He remained on the faculty until his appointment as Pastor of St. Ignatius Parish, Chicago, in August 2000.

On Nov. 7, 2000, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago by Pope John Paul II and was ordained a bishop on Jan. 8, 2001.

ListECKi is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves. He earned a civil law degree from DePaul University, Chicago, in 1976.



Archbishop Jerome ListECKi

Born Mar. 12, 1949, ListECKi is the son of Harry and Alfreda (Kasprzk) ListECKi. They are both deceased. He has one sister, Mary (Penny), who lives in Tinley Park, Ill., a south Chicago suburb.

## Chief Judge White

The Justinian Society will present its Jurist of the Year Award to Milwaukee County Circuit Court Chief Judge Maxine White.

White was appointed to Branch 1 Judge of Milwaukee County Circuit Court by Governor Tommy Thompson in 1992. Thirteen years later, she was appointed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court to serve as Chief Judge for the First Judicial District. In this position, she is essentially the chief administrative judicial officer for the Courts in Milwaukee County.

As Chief Judge, she has extensive oversight over the affairs of the district including overseeing budgetary; personnel, administrative and public affairs for the 47 state trial courts, the 19 municipal courts and staff in Milwaukee County.

In June 2018, White was selected as the chair of the Wisconsin Committee of Chief Judges. Her judicial leadership is expansive including seven years as Deputy Chief Judge, eight years as a Presiding Judge and appointments to numerous local and statewide committees. She previously presided over court calendars with complex caseloads, including the Civil Division, the Family Division and Specialty Courts in the Criminal Division dedicated to the prosecution and resolution of homicide, sexual assault, felony drug trafficking, gun and domestic violence cases.

As Chief Judge, White works with other stakeholders to bring additional funding resources to the district, convenes meetings on planning and funding process for a new criminal court facility, explores best practice juvenile justice models to replace the current juvenile facilities and participates in national forums about how to succeed in a variety of initiatives despite the challenges of an urban court.

Immediately upon graduation from the Marquette University Law School, she was appointed as Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and represented the federal government



Judge Maxine White

in criminal, civil and bankruptcy matters before the federal district and bankruptcy courts, and the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. During her tenure, she was reassigned as legal advisor and instructor for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Ga., providing instruction to federal trial attorneys, federal agents and state and local law enforcement across the nation.

White earned her bachelor's degree and was Magna cum Laude at Alcorn State University. She received her master's degree with honors in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. Her jurist degree at Marquette was earned with honors.

White has received numerous awards from organizations in and out of the legal community including Safe and Sound, Inc. (Law Enforcement Leader Award), the Wisconsin State Bar (Judge of the Year Award), Marquette University (All University Award and Law Alumnae Award), Wisconsin Law Journal (Leader in Law Award), National Association of Women Judges' Judge Mattie Belle Davis Award and many others.

## Renee Ramirez

The Justinian Society will give its Citizen of the Year Award to Renee Ramirez, founding Executive Director of WCCDC.

WCCDC is a nonprofit dental clinic that opened in Waukesha in 2008. Ramirez recently oversaw the development of a second clinic that opened in Menomonee Falls in August. Both locations provide access to affordable dental care for low income families. The clinic's primary focus is serving high risk expectant



Renee Ramirez

mothers and low income children. It recently expanded dental care to adults with special health needs.

Since opening in 2008, the clinic has provided more than \$19 million in dental care to more than 19,000 patients. Through Ramirez's leadership, the organization was named Waukesha County Executive's "Large Nonprofit of the Year" in 2015 and has been nationally recognized by the American Academy of Pediatric Dental Foundation as a "gold star" dental program for children.

Ramirez graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in International Relations and Economics. She has nearly 30 years experience in nonprofit management and is recognized in Waukesha County as a mentor for women as an advocate for oral health equity. She is also recognized for her expertise and success in fundraising. She co-chairs the Waukesha County Community Foundation Advisory Board and is a member of the Carroll University Board of Trustees (chairing its Business Committee), and was a member of the Town of Waukesha Plan Commission.

Ramirez was a member of the Wisconsin Alumni Association's national board of directors including serving as chair, received the Rotary International's Paul Harris Award, was named UW Badger of the Year for Waukesha County, received the Key to the City award by the City of Waukesha and honorees as a "Woman of Distinction."

She has been married to Judge Ralph Ramirez for 35 years. They have three grown children and two grandchildren.

Welcome new Italian  
Community  
Center members!



The following persons became members of the Italian Community Center between August 13 to September 10, 2018. *Benvenuti (Welcome!)*

Thomas & Roseanne Casper and children  
Ashley & Anthony of Milwaukee





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## Tribe was warned of financial misdeeds

**Lawyer alerted St. Croix  
years before feds acted**

**Cary Spivak**  
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel  
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Nine years before federal officials  
charged that St. Croix Chippewa lead-  
ers misappropriated at least \$15 mil-

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"Mr. Emery charged what the (IRS) considered to be exorbitant amounts for luxury limousine services and other

what appeared to be personal expenses," Pellino wrote. Purchases included Green Bay Packers tickets and stays at resorts, Pellino wrote.

Decorah, who now works in the tribe's governmental affairs office, declined to comment, saying he had not seen the Pellino letter and was unaware of the allegations. Emery did not return calls for comment.

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# Tribe

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week because some of its leaders pocketed or misappropriated \$1.5 million since 2014. The proposed fine, issued last week can be appealed by the tribe.

Some "tribal Council members, gaming Commissioners, consultants and other individuals ... diverted at least \$1.5 million away from tribal resources to line their own pockets," Chaudhuri wrote in imposing the fine.

The fine is the follow-up to the Notice of Violation issued by Chaudhuri last month. In that notice he charged the Burnett County tribe with 527 violations of the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, NIGC regulations and tribal ordinances. It was the largest notice of violation ever issued by the agency and accused some leaders of pocketing hundreds of thousands of dollars and using tribal funds to pay for trips to Hawaii or Las Vegas.

The tribe has reservation land in Barron, Burnett, Polk and Washburn counties and many of its approximately 1,000 members are impoverished. Members receive a per capita dividend of about \$5,000 annually from its gaming operations, sources said.

Pellino wrote the letter after the IRS discovered the misappropriations and planned to hit the tribe with a 28% penalty, Pellino wrote.

"The service took the position that the Nation's leaders were responsible for the waste of such assets and that, as a result, the Nation itself should suffer the consequences by paying a 28% tax plus interest and penalties," Pellino wrote.

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**Charles Pellino**  
attorney for the St. Croix Chippewa tribe

The penalty would have equaled about \$700,000, Pellino wrote. It appears that the penalty was not assessed after it was pointed out to IRS officials that the tribe was the victim and fining it would make it a "double victim," Pellino noted.

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services" including expenses for his girlfriend, Pellino wrote.

## Payments to tribal leaders

In the April Notice of Violation, Chaudhuri said Emery, who is still on the tribal council, received 94 payments totaling \$235,888 from 2014 to 2017. Taylor collected \$154,173 during the same period, the agency said.

Pellino wrote in 2010 that he spoke with Emery and the council member "was unable to explain why he would have withdrawn currency using the Nation's credit card."

In addition, Pellino wrote, the IRS noted that Emery had unpaid loans for \$273,190 and that one attempt had been made to collect the debt.

Michael Decorah, a tribal council member from 2007 to 2009, spent about \$30,000 using a tribal credit card for what appeared to be personal expenses, Pellino wrote. Purchases included Green Bay Packers tickets and stays at resorts, Pellino wrote.

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"982 potential instances" where double payments were made to childcare providers, Pellino wrote.

The IRS "auditor noted, and it is obvious from a review of the records, that childcare providers were paid for merely living in the same house as the child and providing no services other than those that a normal parent or guardian would have provided free of charge," Pellino wrote.

The Pellino letter has been floating around the St. Croix communities for several years. The Inter-County leader, a newspaper in Polk and Burnett counties, referred to the letter in an editorial that did not name individuals cited in the letter. Anthony Ammann, a former tribal member, said a copy of the letter was found in 2015 while family members were going through the property of his deceased uncle, Kenny Mosay, a former tribal council member. The Journal Sentinel did not obtain the letter from Ammann.

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**Ohio governor signs ban on  
abortion after 1st heartbeat**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — Ohio's  
has signed a bill imposing on  
nation's toughest abortion rest.  
Republican Gov. Mike DeWine f  
through Thursday on his pledge  
the heartbeat bill. It cleared th  
Legislature on Wednesday.

DeWine's signature makes O.  
fifth state to ban abortions af  
first detectable fetal heartbeat  
can come as early as five or six  
into pregnancy, before many w  
know they're pregnant.

DeWine's support for the bill b  
with his predecessor. Former Rep  
can Gov. John Kasich twice vetoed  
grounds it was unconstitutional  
would spark a costly court challen  
Opponents in Ohio have alre  
vowed to sue.

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