



The National Italian American Bar Association is a non-profit, non-partisan corporation founded in 1983 to advance the interests of the Italian-American legal community and to improve the administration of justice. More than 3,000 lawyers, judges, law professors and law students in 35 states are members of NIABA. A Board of Directors elected by the members governs the Association.

The D.C. Chapter of NIABA was founded in 1986 under the leadership of Ronald A. Cimino and has become one of the most active chapters within NIABA. That year, the D.C. Chapter honored Justice Scalia, who was then Judge for the Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. The current Editor-in-Chief of the NIABA law journal, "The Digest," is member Francis Allegra. Our Chapter hosts an annual law internship program which brings law students and lawyers from Italy to Washington for a one-month practical work experience. We also often host Italian judges and scholars who are here on official visits. Our Chapter hosted the Supreme Court of Italy and organized a luncheon in their honor, which was attended by many senior officials of the Department of Justice.

The current President of the D.C. Chapter is Francesco Isgro, an attorney with the Department of Justice, Civil Division, and Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University Law Center.

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Charles J. Bonaparte

JUNE 23, 1994

MIMMETTA'S RESTAURANT
1919 I ST., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Charles Joseph Bonaparte

"As we strive to gain a better government, we shall come to deserve one, and as and when we deserve this we shall have this. Freedom is not the birthright of slumberers."

C.J. Bonaparte, 1909

Charles Bonaparte was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on June 9, 1851. He graduated from Harvard College in 1871 and from Harvard Law School in 1874. Bonaparte was a champion of civil service reform. He was one of the organizers and president of the National Municipal League. He was a founder and, for several years, chairman of the Council of the National Civil Service Reform League. His interest in civil reform brought him in contact with Theodore Roosevelt, then Civil Service Commissioner. On July 1, 1905, President Roosevelt appointed him Secretary of the Navy, and on December 17, 1906, he appointed Bonaparte as the 46th Attorney General of the United States.

Bonaparte served as Attorney General until March 4, 1909. During his tenure, he personally participated in the work of the Department of Justice, writing more than 130 opinions and appearing before the Supreme Court in more than 50 cases. He led Roosevelt's fight against the "bad trusts" and instituted twenty lawsuits under the antitrust laws, one of which led to the dissolution of the American Tobacco Company. Discovering that he needed a permanent investigative force, on July 8, 1908, Bonaparte established a small investigative unit, which later was renamed the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Since 1961, the Italian Historical Society has sponsored an annual ceremony at the Department of Justice to commemorate Bonaparte. Beginning with Attorney General Robert Kennedy in 1961, distinguished government officials and Italian-Americans from all walks of life have participated in this annual event. The National Italian American Bar Association is proud to join in this tradition by honoring a man whose dedication to public service stands as model to us all.

PROGRAM

6:30 PM *Cash Bar*

7 PM *Dinner*

Welcoming Remarks by D.C. NIABA President
Francesco Isgro

Remarks by the U.S. Department of Justice
Francis Allegra
Counselor to the Associate Attorney General

Remarks by the Executive Vice President NIABA
Ronald A. Cimino

Principal Speaker

Frank Sorrentino
Professor, St. Francis College, New York