

**Appeals at the
2006 Summer NABC
Chicago IL**

THE EXPERT PANEL

Ron Gerard, 62, was born in New York. He is a graduate of Harvard University and Michigan Law School (JD). He currently resides in White Plains, NY, with his wife Joan (District 3 Director) where he is an attorney. Ron is a college basketball fan and enjoys classical music and tennis. He has served as a member of the ACBL Laws Commission since 2000. He is proudest of winning the Spingold and Blue Ribbon Pairs in 1981. Each year from 1990 to 1995 he made it to at least the round of eight in the Vanderbilt KO Teams; he played in three finals (winning in Fort Worth in 1990) and one semifinal without playing once on a professional team.

Jeff Goldsmith, 44, was born near Schenectady, NY. He has lived in Pasadena, CA, for the last 20 years. He graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Caltech. He is a software engineer, focusing on computer graphics and animation and internet programming, all with a heavy mathematical perspective. He created computer animation for JPL for several years including the movie about Voyager's encountering Neptune. He ice dances and plays many other games, particularly German board games. His web site (<http://www.gg.caltech.edu/~jeff>) contains lots of bridge and other material.

Jeffrey Polisner, 66, was born in Buffalo, NY and currently resides in Northern CA where he has been a practicing attorney since 1967. He is a graduate of Ohio State University (BS) and obtained his JD from Case Western Reserve. He is currently the WBF Counsel and former ACBL League Counsel. He is a member of the ACBL Laws Commission and the WBF Laws Committee and former Co-Chairman of the ACBL National Appeals Committee.

Barry Rigal, 47, was born in London, England. He currently resides in New York City with his wife, Sue Picus. A bridge writer and analyst, he contributes to many periodicals worldwide and is the author of a dozen books, including *Card Games for Dummies* and *Precision in the Nineties*. He enjoys theater, music, arts and travel. Barry is an outstanding Vugraph commentator, demonstrating an extensive knowledge of bidding systems played by pairs all over the world. He coached the USA I team to the Venice Cup in 1997. He has two National team titles, but is proudest of his fourth-place finish in the 1990 Geneva World Mixed Pairs and winning the Common Market Mixed Teams in 1998 and the Gold Cup in 1991. In 2003 he was appointed chairman of the ACBL National Appeals Committee.

Matt Smith was born in 1957 in Victoria, B.C. and still lives there with his wife Vicky. He has been an ACBL National Tournament Director since 2002. He has been an assistant tournament director at several WBF Championships. Is a member of the ACBL Laws Commission, and the first working tournament director to have been appointed since Al Sobel. Matt is an avid golfer when not directing.

Adam Wildavsky, 46, was born in Ohio and grew up in Berkeley and Oakland, CA and London, England. He is a graduate of MIT and since 1986 he has resided in New York City with longtime companion Ann Raymond. He works as a senior software engineer for Google, Inc. Mr. Wildavsky has won three NABC Championships, most recently the 2002 Reisinger BAM teams. He and his Reisinger team went on to win the 2003 Team Trials and the bronze medal in the 2003 Bermuda Bowl in Monaco. Mr. Wildavsky is a member of the National Laws Commission. His interest in the laws is informed by his study of Objectivism, the philosophy of Ayn Rand.

Bobby Wolff, 73, was born in San Antonio and is a graduate of Trinity University. He currently resides in Las Vegas. His father, mother, brother and wives, including present wife Judy, all played bridge. Bobby is a member of the ACBL Hall of Fame as well as a Grand Life Master in both the WBF and the ACBL. He is one of the world's great players and has won 11 World titles and is the only player ever to win world championships in five different categories: World Team Olympiad, World Open Pair, World Mixed Teams, World Senior Bowl and seven Bermuda Bowls. Mr. Wolff has also won numerous NABCs including four straight Spingolds (1993-1996). He served as ACBL president in 1987 and WBF president from 1992-1994. He started the ACBL Recorder system in 1985, has served as tournament recorder at NABCs and is the author of the ACBL active ethics program. Among his pet projects are eliminating convention disruption, encouraging less hesitation disruption, allowing law 12C3 to be used in ACBL events and reducing the impact of politics and bias on appeals committees.