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2017 Conference of County Bar Leaders: *Get on Board (the Leadership Train)!*

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County bar leaders and executive directors from across the commonwealth will meet once again at the Nittany Lion Inn on Feb. 23 – 25, 2017 for the Annual Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL). Whether you are a member of your county bar association's board of directors, officer in line for the presidency, committee or section chair, president, county bar executive director, young lawyer leader or are interested in future leadership in your local bar association or the PBA, you will not want to miss this train! All aboard to network, earn CLE credit, and hone your leadership skills in a relaxing and fun setting.

The CCBL was established in 1967 by the PBA to establish a closer relationship between the local bar associations in Pennsylvania, the PBA, and the American Bar Association; to provide a forum for the mutual interchange of ideas among bar associations; to provide training, guidance, resources and assistance to local bar associations and their leaders; to stimulate the work of bar associations



generally; and to promote the standing of the legal profession and the Courts, improve the administration of justice, and improve the economic standing of the legal profession.

The CCBL has evolved to foster fresh and innovative local bar initiatives and spread those initiatives throughout the commonwealth. It has helped to develop mutually beneficial relationships among bar leaders and to improve the status of the legal profession generally in Pennsylvania by providing education and training to bar leaders and will continue to do so.

The upcoming conference promises to accomplish all of that and more! CCBL

President William L.J. Burke, Esq. and his executive committee have a great agenda planned. Included in the seminars will be sessions on leadership; governance; foundations nuts and bolts; diversity;

advertising; investment committees and non-dues revenue; the future of our associations; dealing with the media; LCL; social media; and the always entertaining, yet informative, live performance and avoiding legal malpractice seminar.

This theme of this year's conference is how serving as leaders in our bar associations is intertwined with local charities and public service. You will have the opportunity to not only earn CLE credit, but also to learn

how to be the best leader that you can be for the benefit of your association. There will be plenty of time for networking with friends and colleagues, new and old. Of course, we will have great entertainment for Friday night, where you can relax, dance, play some games, and win some prizes. All bar associations, large or small, can benefit by having their leaders attend this worthwhile conference.

Mark your calendars and look for more details in upcoming publications. Talk to your executive director. Invite some of your board members and young lawyers. Be ready to learn, laugh, and look forward to your years in leadership!



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Nicole Antos

County Bar Services Staff Changes

Nicole Antos, current County Bar Services Director, will be leaving the Pennsylvania Bar Association to take over as Director of Operations for the PA Association for Justice, effective Oct. 10. The PAJ is relocating its headquarters from Philadelphia to Harrisburg. After seven years with the PBA, this departure is bittersweet for Antos.

“As excited as I am for this new opportunity, I am going to miss working with all of the people I have met along my travels, especially the bar execs, professional liability committee speakers, and CCBL executive committee. This position gave me the opportunity to see all 67 counties of this beautiful commonwealth, and I don’t think many other attorneys can say that!”



Susan Etter

Susan Etter is assuming the responsibilities of the Director of County Bar Services, in addition to retaining her current duties as Education/Special Projects Coordinator. Susan joined the Pennsylvania Bar Association in 2008. Prior to joining the PBA, Susan’s work focused on programs that improved the lives of students, youth and their families. She continues to work on projects that utilize her passion and experience for law, education and public interest. Susan is a graduate of the Dickinson School of Law and Shippensburg University.

PBA Opens Western Pennsylvania Services Office Oct. 14

Bridget Gillespie has been named the first director of Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Western Pennsylvania Services. An attorney with years of litigation and law practice management experience, Gillespie will oversee the PBA’s Pittsburgh office, which is slated to open Oct. 14 as the association’s first satellite office in the state. She will be responsible for membership development, service and outreach to lawyers, judges and county bar associations in the PBA’s 26-county western region.

Gillespie has been a shareholder in the Pittsburgh law firm of Picadio Sneath Miller & Norton P.C.; her practice was concentrated in representation of insurance carriers in insurance coverage and bad faith matters and representation of clients in commercial and tort litigation. She is a former captain in the Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps and served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of New York. She also served as a trial court law clerk for Judge Richard Webb in Carbon County and as an appellate court law clerk for the late Superior Court Judge Peter Paul Olszewski.

Gillespie is the chair of the PBA Civil Litigation Law Section and has served as editor of its newsletter. She is a delegate to the PBA House of Delegates representing Zone 12, Allegheny County. She also is a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association.

She is a cum laude graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where she served as managing editor of the law review, and a graduate of the University of Notre Dame.



Bridget Gillespie



Scholarships for Pennsylvania Law Students

The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation will award up to \$12,000 in scholarship assistance to Pennsylvania residents attending the nine accredited law schools serving the state. Applications are due Dec. 1, 2016, and the scholarships will be awarded by Dec. 30, 2016.

The James W. Stoudt Memorial Scholarship

The James W. Stoudt Memorial Scholarship of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation provides three \$3,000 scholarships, two of which are specifically dedicated to the support of historically underrepresented minority law students of African-American, Hispanic-American or Native American ancestry. Named after one of the Foundation's most devoted supporters, the James W. Stoudt Memorial Scholarship is open Pennsylvania residents in their second year of a fulltime law school program or third year of a part-time program.

Eligibility requirements:

- Good standing and academic achievement as evidenced by applicant's academic transcript;
- Financial need as certified by the applicant's law school financial aid office;
- Pennsylvania residency as documented by applicant's current voter registration card or current Pennsylvania driver's license; and
- The potential for making a contribution to society and the legal profession either through anticipated legal field or other efforts as discussed in the applicant's essay and evidenced by the applicant's recommendations.
- The minority scholarships are specifically earmarked for students from one of the following historically under-represented racial/ethnic backgrounds, including Black (African) Americans, Hispanic American and Native Americans.

[2016 James W. Stoudt Memorial Scholarship FAQs](#)

[2016 James W. Stoudt Memorial Scholarship Application](#)

The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation is the philanthropic partner of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. It works to improve the public's understanding of the law and the public's access to justice. It accomplishes its mission by raising funds to underwrite grants that teach civics and the Rule of Law to students from kindergarten to college help public interest lawyers better manage their educational debt so they can afford to deliver critical civil legal services to Pennsylvania's most vulnerable and increase the number of attorneys prepared to volunteer their time, expertise and energy to pro bono service.

The Joseph T. McDonald Memorial Scholarship

The Joseph T. McDonald Memorial Scholarship of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation provides a \$3,000 scholarship to a fulltime, third-year Pennsylvania resident involved in the Penn State Dickinson School of Law trial advocacy program. Foundation Vice President Michael J. McDonald created the Joseph T. McDonald Memorial Scholarship through the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's Named Scholarship Program to honor the memory of his father and to establish a lasting legacy for law students at his alma mater. The scholarship is awarded annually on a competitive basis.

Eligibility requirements:

- Enrolled as a full-time student at Dickinson Law;
- 3L/third-year student;
- Pennsylvania resident as documented by applicant's voter registration card or Pennsylvania driver's license;
- Involved in the trial advocacy program as affirmed by student and evidenced by unofficial academic transcript;
- Interested in pursuing trial advocacy after graduation as discussed in the applicant's 250-500-word essay and evidenced by the applicant's recommendations; and
- A member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Law Student Division, which is free for electronic members.

[Joseph T. McDonald Memorial Scholarship of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation FAQs](#)

[2016 Joseph T. McDonald Memorial Scholarship Application](#)

The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's Named Scholarship Program can help you or your law related organization help more law students by creating your own scholarship fund within the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation. It's a great way to give back to the legal community and a fund can be created without making a large and long-term commitment.

Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives Annual Retreat

The Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives (PABE) held its annual retreat July 21-22 2016. The event was hosted in West Chester, PA, by the Chester County Bar Association (CCBA). Meetings were held over two days at the CCBA office and included topics such as online Continuing Legal Education, how Bar Associations can remain relevant, methods to combat the rise in “robo-lawyer” brief-service online referral programs, and using technology to increase member services. In addition, the PABE members toured QVC headquarters and learned about cross-industry issues such as organizational branding, marketing of products and services, and developing procedures to track and increase client engagement and retention. The annual retreat is a “must” for bar execs looking to share ideas and discuss common issues regarding bar association management.



PBA Malpractice Avoidance Seminars - Fall 2016 Schedule



Pennsylvania Bar Association Insurance Program

Through the Pennsylvania Bar Association Insurance Program, you have the ability to gain valuable malpractice avoidance information and earn up to a 7.5% discount on your malpractice insurance. The Malpractice Avoidance Seminar, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association Insurance Program and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for 1.5 hours of ethics, professionalism, or substance abuse CLE credit. The 7.5% credit will be pro-rated based on the number of attorneys in the firm who attend the seminar. The discount does not apply to part-time policies.

COUNTY	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Westmoreland	Oct. 11 at 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.	Westmoreland Bar Association, 129 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Greensburg
Indiana	Oct. 12 at 9:00 a.m.	Rustic Lodge, 2199 Oakland Ave., Indiana
Cambria	Oct. 12 at 2:00 p.m.	Cambria County Library, 248 Main St., Johnstown
Blair	Oct. 13 at 9:00 a.m.	Hampton Inn, 180 Charlotte Dr., Altoona
Huntingdon	Oct. 13 at 2:00 p.m.	Huntingdon Country Club, 10305 Raystown Rd., Huntingdon
Mifflin/Juniata	Oct. 14 at 2:00 p.m.	Penn State Learning Center, 152 E. Market St., Lewistown
Greene	Oct. 25 at 9:00 a.m.	Greene County Office Bldg, 93 E. High St., 2nd Fl., Waynesburg
Fayette	Oct. 25 at 2:00 p.m.	Penn State Fayette, Eberly Bldg., Rm. 116, One University Dr., Uniontown
Somerset	Oct. 26 at 10:00 a.m.	Oakhurst Tea Room, 2409 Glades Pike, Rt. 31, Somerset
Mercer	Nov. 1 at 9:00 a.m.	Hampton Inn & Suites Sharon, 58 Winner Ln., West Middlesex
Clarion	Nov. 1 at 2:00 p.m.	Park Inn by Radisson, 45 Holiday Inn Rd., Clarion
Jefferson	Nov. 2 at 9:00 a.m.	Pinecrest Country Club, 29 W. Pinecrest Ln., Brookville
Elk	Nov. 2 at 2:00 p.m.	Best Western Plus Executive Inn, 1002 Earth Rd., St. Marys
Clearfield	Nov. 3 at 10:00 a.m.	Lock Haven University Clearfield Campus, 201 University Dr., Founders Hall, Rm. 214, Clearfield
Beaver	Nov. 8 at 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.	Beaver County Bar Association, 788 Turnpike St., Beaver
Lawrence	Nov. 9 at 9:00 a.m.	Hampton Inn & Suites, 2608 W. State St., New Castle
Armstrong	Nov. 9 at 2:00 p.m.	Kittanning Country Club, 218 Belltop Dr., Kittanning
Bedford	Nov. 10 at 10:00 a.m.	Hampton Inn, 4235 Business Rt. 220, Bedford
Allegheny	Nov. 22 at 2:00 p.m.	PBI Professional Development Conference Center, Heinz 57 Center, Ste 760, 339 6th Ave., Pittsburgh
Montgomery	Nov. 29 at 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.	Montgomery Bar Association, 100 W. Airy St., Norristown

Online prepayment and preregistration are highly recommended.

<http://www.pabar.org/site/public/localbar/countybar.aspx>

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Supreme Court encourages people to apply for appointments to advisory panels

As part of its desire for wider participation in the groups which provide it advice and recommendations, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court is undertaking a new initiative making it easier for people to express interest in being appointed to court advisory panels.

“Justice David N. Wecht has led the present initiative with the intention of broadening participation in the Supreme Court’s board and committee structure,” said Chief Justice Thomas G. Saylor. “He will also be supervising the implementation, with the support of the full court.”

Legal training, experience and expertise are necessary for many assignments, but there are appointments for nonattorneys as well.

“The court appreciates the time and effort the board and committee members dedicate to their roles,” said Justice Wecht. “With this outreach we hope to encourage more people to apply for these important positions on the court’s advisory panels.

“Providing easier access to apply for positions on the advisory boards and announcing those positions to a broader audience will ensure that the court will have a more diverse pool of applicants. A broader array of candidates, and consequently panel members, will serve the court and the commonwealth as they

bring new perspectives to the important work the panels do.”

The Unified Judicial System website at www.pacourts.us will serve as the central resource for the new initiative. As vacancies arise, they will be featured on the home page, usually beginning the first week of the month. Clicking on the announcement will lead readers to a list of vacancies with links to information about the missions of the respective panels, including terms of service, as well as an application and directions for submission. Applicants will have one month to apply.

The first vacancies will be posted on Oct. 3.

In addition to postings on the website, the judiciary’s twitter feed @PaCourts will tweet openings. Bar associations and law schools across the state will be notified as well so they may include information on their websites and in correspondence with members.

The first vacancies will be posted on Oct. 3.
www.pacourts.us

There are usually approximately 20 vacancies each year. Volunteers are not paid for serving, and the time commitment varies depending on the

panel.

More than 180 volunteers sit on Supreme Court panels and have a wide range of responsibilities and functions. Some panels make recommendations to the court for amendments, revisions or simplification of court procedural rules. Others regulate the practice of law, oversee continuing legal education for lawyers and administer funds to assist individuals unable to pay for legal service.

Some of the panels include:

- Criminal Procedural Rules Committee
- Committee on Rules of Evidence
- Board of Law Examiners
- Continuing Legal Education Board
- Judicial Conduct Board
- Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court
- Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Board

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Allegheny County

Women's Legal Summit a Success

The fourth annual Women's Legal Summit, presented by the ACBA Institute for Gender Equality and the Women in the Law Division, was a resounding success. About 175 individuals attended the Aug. 17 event, entitled "The Art of Achievement."

The event is designed to offer training and discussion on women in the legal community, including gender bias, inequality and recent progress made. While this was the fourth installment of the summit, this was the first year attendees could earn up to three CLE credits.

The event featured three CLE panel discussions: "The Art of Persuasion," "The Art of Negotiation" and "The Art of Leadership." Panelists included four local judges and numerous prominent attorneys. Dawne S. Hickton – former vice chair, president and CEO of RTI International Metals — gave the keynote speech.

Bench-Bar in the Books

Regarded as the premier event in the Pittsburgh-area legal community, the 54th Annual ACBA Bench-Bar Conference was held June 16-18 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. The conference provides the opportunity for legal professionals to meet and discuss relevant issues and developments within the county, state and federal court systems in an informal setting.

Fifty-four judges and 583 attorneys attended this year's conference, participating in numerous CLE, networking, social and athletic events. Attendees had the opportunity to earn up to eight CLE credits.

Melaine Shannon Rothey took the reigns as the 108th ACBA president during the conference. Offering a riveting keynote speech was Laurence Leamer,

author of "The Lynching, The Epic Courtroom Battle that Brought Down the Klan."

ACBA YLD Rakes in Awards

The ACBA Young Lawyers Division took home four awards – two first place finishes and second place finishes, all in the 2B Division – at the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Awards of Achievement in August.

In the Service to the Bar category, the ACBA YLD took first place for its "Mind Your Manners: How to Get (and Keep) Your Legal Career" event and second place for its Fairy Tale Mock Trials program.

The ACBA YLD also captured first place in the newsletter category for its *Point of Law* publication and second place in the comprehensive program category for the division's wide array of offerings such as the Children in Shelter Holiday Party, "Making a Murderer Roundtable," Deposition Skills for Young Attorneys CLE, Esquires and Espressos networking series, Lunch with the Judges event and much more.

LRS on Sports Radio

Sports are huge in Pittsburgh, so there are plenty of listeners to the city's sports talk station, 93.7 "The Fan." Now, in addition to talking about the local teams, morning show host Colin Dunlap talks about the ACBA's Lawyer Referral Service, thanks to an ongoing "live read" campaign.

Additionally, the ACBA Lawyer Referral Service recently launched a new, easy-to-remember website – www.GetAPittsburghLawyer.com.

Bucks County

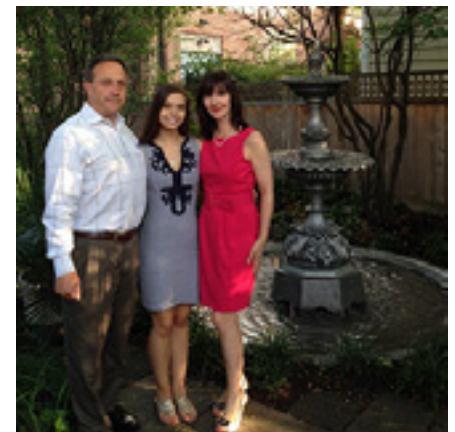
Eastburn and Gray Attorney Helps to Preserve a Piece of Bucks County History

The Bucks County Bar Association celebrated the formal dedication of a fountain previously located on the grounds of

the 1812 Bucks County Courthouse.

Doylestown was chosen as the county seat in 1812. By 1877, county leaders built a second courthouse in Doylestown. In the east yard, near the front iron fence, they placed a magnificent fountain with a large, fluted round cast iron basin and two tiers rising from the center. Manufactured in Philadelphia by the A.W. Wood & Company forge, the fountain remained on the court house grounds until 1960. By that time, the construction of a new court house led to the demolition of the building and subsequently an auction of its contents, including the grand fountain.

Approximately five years ago, the fountain was rediscovered. The owner of the fountain agreed to donate it to the Bar Association; however, due to its disrepair it required significant conservation. Grace Deon, bar association president, set her sights on assembling a team to refurbish the fountain. Six months and dozens of volunteer hours later, the fountain has returned to its roots in Bucks County's legal community, now located on the grounds of the Bucks County Bar Association for everyone in the community to appreciate.



BCBA President Grace M. Deon with her husband, Vincent, and daughter, Aubrey, at the ceremony held to dedicate the fountain on the grounds at Bucks County Bar Association.



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Chester County

Fall Bench-Bar Conference at Skytop Lodge!

The members of the Chester County Bar Association will make their way up to the newly renovated Skytop Lodge for this year's Fall Bench-Bar Conference. We are excited to offer great CLEs, including keynote speaker Dr. G. Terry Madonna, director of Center for Politics and Public Affairs, Professor of Public Affairs at Franklin & Marshall College. Another crowd favorite in attendance is Ellen Freedman, CLM, who is speaking about how to effectively manage the demands of being in the law profession, while still being proficient. There will also be nature hikes, zip-lining, horseback riding, as well as drone-flying lessons by QVC personality Justin Sochovka. This year's conference will surely not disappoint!

Dauphin County

A Capitol Collaboration

The Dauphin County Bar Association and the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas recently completed a series of videos created to assist families going through the child support process. The links to these informative clips can be found on the Dauphin County Court website and the DCBA website listed under Family Law.

The videos were produced by two talented Harrisburg University of Science and Technology students, Stephanie Keller and Trevor Jacoby. This effort is a part of the experiential learning curriculum students at HU undertake as part of their graduation requirement. Each clip walks parents through specific parts of the process, provides them with information regarding forms necessary and even sets the stage for what can be expected in the process using the actual settings for various parts of the process.

The videos are a helpful informational tool for a daunting process and can be accessed anywhere on a mobile device.

The DCBA is pleased with this product and thanks the Dauphin County Court, the Domestic Relations office in Dauphin County, the Family Law Section of the DCBA and, above all, the motivated and creative students from HU.

Erie County

Attorneys and Families Gather to Celebrate Tall Ships Erie

Attorneys from the Erie County Bar Association's board of directors and Young Lawyers Division gathered on Sept. 8 for one of Erie's much-anticipated events that reflects the region's maritime history and ties to key battles during the War of 1812. The Tall Ships Erie festival featured nine vessels, including a 16th century Spanish galleon and Erie's own U.S. Brig Niagara. Collectively, more than 70 people, including spouses and children of attorneys, attended to watch the "parade of sails" from a meeting room at the Sheraton Hotel, which provided a great view to watch the flotilla as it sailed into Presque Isle Bay and much-needed shelter from the afternoon's stormy weather!



Erie County Bar Association members watched The Tall Ships Erie festival on Sept. 8.



Marquette Savings Bank donated \$1,000 to purchase laptops for the Wills for Heroes Program. From left: Thomas Minarcik (Elderkin Law Firm), Christine McClure (Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C. and Erie County Law Foundation Chair), Michael Edwards (Marquette Savings Bank CEO), Melissa Shirey (The Family Law Group, LLC and ECBA President) and Valerie Kuntz (Quinn, Buseck, et al.).

Success of 2016 Wills for Heroes Program Aided by Donations

Another successful Erie Wills for Heroes event took place on Saturday, Sept. 24. Appointments were quickly filled by registrants during the first two weeks of promotion, ensuring that approximately 50 participants would receive wills and other estate-planning documents with the aid of volunteer attorneys and staff. Earlier this summer, the Erie County Bar Association and its charitable arm, the Erie

County Law Foundation, worked to obtain its own hardware and software to be utilized at events such as Wills for Heroes. The Law Foundation received a generous \$1,000 donation in August from Marquette Savings Bank. Laptops were also purchased with the help of a donation from the

Pennsylvania Bar Association. The Erie County Bar Association hopes to make these computers available to loan to other



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western Pennsylvania bar associations who need them for their own Wills for Heroes events.

Fayette County

On July 21 the Fayette County Bar Association Young Lawyers invited members of the bench and bar to join them for a picnic in the park. Summertime beverages were served, and a special menu was prepared by Clean Slate's Mobile Kitchen. This summer break was enjoyed by all. The bench and bar hope that the YLD will make this an annual FCBA event.



Fayette County Young Lawyers hosted a picnic in the park with food by Clean Slate's Mobile Kitchen. From left: Ewing D. Newcomer, Judge Steve P. Leskinen, Peter Hook, Anne N. John, Garnet L. Crossland, John M. Purcell

On Aug. 19 the Fayette County Bar Association held its annual Bench-Bar Conference at the Uniontown Country Club. CLE presenters included Fayette County Court of Common Pleas Judge Joseph M. George Jr., PBA Member Services Director Elizabeth Swivel and PBA Ethics Counsel Victoria White.

Lackawanna County

Lackawanna Pro Bono's 8th Annual Fundraising Gala

The ballroom of the Scranton Cultural Center was the setting for Lackawanna Pro Bono's 8th annual Fundraising Gala, to be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served, and a brief program was held.

Proceeds from the gala will support Lackawanna Pro Bono's mission, which is to provide free legal representation to the poor by recruiting local attorneys to volunteer their professional services to financially eligible individuals, primarily Lackawanna County residents who are faced with serious civil legal problems. Funds will be raised through ticket and program book ad sales.

At the event, Susan S. Belin, the Children's Advocacy Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Attorney Melinda C. Ghilardi, and Attorney Sidney J. Prejean were honored for their service to the community with the Attorney Robert W. Munley Distinguished Service Award.



From left: Sylvia Hahn, executive director, Lackawanna Pro Bono; Mary Ann LaPorta, executive director, Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA; Robert W. Munley; Susan S. Belin; Melinda C. Ghilardi and Sidney J. Prejean

Lebanon County

The Lebanon County Bar Association held its first Bench/Bar luncheon and CLE in May, an expanded version of its long-held Bench/Bar breakfast. All five judges, including the senior judge, as well as about half the total membership, attended the event.

The Lebanon County Bar Association celebrated 70 years of publication of the *Lebanon County Legal Journal*.

The Young Lawyers group spent a day white water rafting in Jim Thorpe, along



Lebanon County Bench/Bar luncheon: From left, Senior Judge Robert Eby, Judge Charles Jones Jr., Judge Bradford Charles, Judge Samuel Kline, LCBA President Scott Grenoble, and President Judge John C. Tylwalk.

with young attorneys from Berks County.

The Lebanon County Bar Association held its first Bench/Bar luncheon and CLE in May, an expanded version of its long-held Bench/Bar breakfast. All five judges, including the Senior Judge, as well as about half the total membership, attended the event.

In conjunction with local radio station WLBR/WQIC, the LCBA presented the Outstanding Senior Award to graduating high school student Amanda Axarlis.

Attorneys sold cotton candy at the GSH street fair to raise money for the local hospital. The tradition has been going on for more than 40 years.



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Lycoming County

The Lycoming Law Association had its annual picnic on July 20.

Knoebel's Grove Excursion

On Aug. 14, a family outing at Knoebel's Grove was sponsored by the Lycoming Law Association, Zone 4 of the Young Lawyers Division and the Lycoming Paralegal Association. More than 75 people feasted on burgers, hot dogs and various home-made salads, snacks and desserts in picnic tents. After lunch, the families scattered to spend the day on the rides – from the trains to the roller coasters. Several members were spied drying in the sun after getting soaked on the Skloosh. Others waited in long lines to try the new Impulse roller coaster.

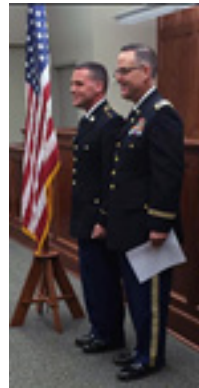


Outing at Knoebel's Grove sponsored by the Lycoming Law Association, Zone 4 of the Young Lawyers Division and the Lycoming Paralegal Association



President Cronin Commissioned as First Lieutenant in Pennsylvania Army National Guard

Lycoming Law Association President Bob Cronin has been working toward his goal of becoming an officer in the military. Recently he was commissioned as first lieutenant in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. Bob deferred his year as president to undertake training in the winter of 2015. He will again undertake additional officer training in 2017. Congratulations to President Cronin for his achievement.



Monroe County

Monroe County Bar Foundation Boost for County College-Bound Scholars

Over the past five years Monroe County Bar Foundation (MCBF) has given over \$18,500 in scholarships to college-bound residents in Monroe County. This year on July 13, five deserving students were awarded scholarships.

Montgomery County

MBA 2.0: Montgomery Bar Association's Strategic Response to a Changing Profession and World

No organization is immune to the winds of change. The ability to prepare for and adapt to that inevitability is, in fact, a litmus test for an organization's long-term success. With this in mind, a Long Range Planning Retreat held earlier this year gathered MBA leadership to examine significant changes to the practice of law and determine how the MBA can best maintain relevance to both its members and the community in the face of rapid evolution of the legal community and the world-at-large.

A major topic of discussion was how the MBA should respond to growing threats to the legal profession, including: epidemic growth of online "do-it-yourself" legal sites; deceptive "pay to play" online attorney rating and referral services; discount online legal services; and suggestions that certain tasks traditionally handled by lawyers may soon be handled by non-lawyers or Limited License Legal Technicians (LLLTs). Discussions went beyond the impending threat to members and the community. The fact that many of the aforementioned services were born



Monroe County Bar Foundation awarded scholarships. From left: Zachary Timko, Natalia McLaren, Reecha Patel, Megan DeHaven, Kathryn Spence and Monroe County Bar Foundation President William Reaser



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out of consumer need, not simply out of corporate greed, was also of concern. Many individuals simply can't afford the cost of legal services and therefore remain grossly underserved. These weighty issues boiled down to two crucial questions: How can the bar association better serve its communities, and How can the bar association do so without competing with its members? Several resolutions ultimately surfaced, resolutions that call for widespread changes to some of the bar association's core consumer offerings. Under the sails of an organization-wide effort dubbed "MBA 2.0", the MBA recently launched the following initiatives as it prepares to weather – and conquer – the winds of change:

Improving access to justice for the community, while increasing bar members' access to pro bono and community outreach opportunities: A new Access to Justice Coordinator position has been created. In addition to serving the needs of those who work with the most vulnerable in our community, having a staff member who is familiar with local agencies and resources also allows the MBA to promote its Lawyer Referral Service to consumers as a "one-stop shop" for information about our legal system and community resources. Providing a legitimate service to meet real needs that exist in our community is one significant way the MBA is now able to differentiate itself from rising commercial competition. The welcome shift in positioning lends itself well to PSAs, press releases and free community announcements, as well as to a second resolution:

Retooling the MBA's Lawyer Referral Service and Legal Access programs to better serve both members and the community-at-large: Retooling the MBA's Lawyer Referral Service and Legal Access programs has meant increasing visibility and advertising; improving customer service; improving follow-up

with members and clients on case status and receivables; rebranding our [Modest Means] Legal Access program to make it more accessible to underserved individuals; making a concentrated effort to increase member participation and offset costs; launching a major campaign to educate consumers on the value of hiring "real lawyers" vs. "RoboLawyer;" deploying "street teams" to exhibit at community events throughout the year; and giving a more human face to the MBA and lawyers in the communities we serve.

Northampton County

The Northampton County attorneys had a fun night at the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs baseball game in July, renting all of the dugout suites for members and family to attend. It was a great opportunity for members and family to mingle, meet and eat.

The Solo and Small Practitioners Committee held a joint committee meeting with our neighbors in Lehigh County. After conversation over lunch, there was a program to discuss the differences in practicing family law in both counties, as well as a review of the new Orphans' Court rules and practices in each county. The program was well-received by all of members. Thanks to BALC for hosting!

Washington County

The Washington County Bar Association celebrated Constitution Day on Sept. 16 with a reading on the Court-house steps of the Constitution in its entirety. Judges, lawyers, legislators and citizens participated, then signed their names to a 6-foot replica of the Constitution. The event was covered by the local radio station and newspaper, and photos and videos posted to Facebook. WCBA President Ed Morascyzk gave a brief welcome and read the Preamble of the Constitution before turning the microphone over to the next of 24 readers.



Washington County Bar Association President Ed Morascyzk at Constitution Day Celebration

York County

YCBA Family Picnic Benefits Bar's Diversity Internship Scholarship Program

York County Bar Association members and their families rooted for the home team at PeoplesBank Park at the York County Bar Association's annual family picnic on June 17. The 146 members and their families in attendance had a great time as the York Revolution hooked the Bridgeport Bluefish 6-4! In honor of the Revolution's 10th anniversary this season, the "Celebrate York" campaign featured bobbleheads and gnomes of people with ties to York. Members received a garden gnome featuring hometown hero and Cardinals coach Bruce Arians. The Revolution are based in York, where Arians attended high school.



PBA Delegate Walt Tilley with wife Suzanne and their Arians gnomes.



On the *Local Scene...*

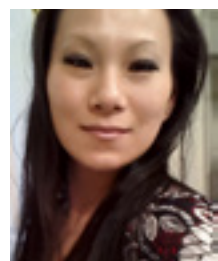
The event was a win-win-win, as a portion of the association's ticket sales was donated back to the bar foundation to support the costs associated with the Clarence "Chuck" N. Paterson Diversity Internship Scholarship. The internship is named after the late Honorable Clarence Nicholas Patterson Jr., who was a pioneer for diversity and served as York County's first African-American judge.

Clarence "Chuck" N. Paterson Diversity Internship Scholarship

The YCBF's mission includes encouraging careers and diversity within the legal system. The Clarence "Chuck" N. Patterson Diversity Internship Scholarship Program was created to address this charge by providing internship opportunities for eligible minority first or second-year, full-time law students with the hope that upon graduation they will practice in York. Interns receive \$6,000 for a 10-week long summer internship (this year at the York County Office of the Public Defender). Since inception in 2007, the internship has changed from an initiative funded by YCBA members and their firms into a program that is annually funded by the YCBA/YCBF.

Maureen Rostad was the recipient of the 2016 Clarence "Chuck" N. Patterson Diversity Internship. Maureen worked in the Public Defender's office for 10

weeks this summer. A student at Dickinson School of Law, Maureen began her third year this fall. She received her undergraduate degree from Southern New Hampshire



Maureen Rostad

University with a major in psychology and minor in criminal justice. Prior to law school, she worked as a computer

programmer. She enjoys gardening and sewing in her spare time and recently began learning ballet. Maureen and her husband have three children.

Wills For Heroes

In 2010, the YCBA's Young Lawyers Section launched the Wills for Heroes program in partnership with the Wills for Heroes Foundation, the PA Bar Association and Leave A Legacy® York County. The eighth event was held on Sept. 10 at the Lee R. Glatfelter Library at Penn State York.

Thanks to the efforts of Attorney Mac Brillhart, 31 volunteer attorneys and paralegals, professional advisors and others provided 56 veterans and emergency responders with wills, living wills, and health care and financial powers of attorney. Notarized legal documents were provided free of charge.

To date, 392 veterans, police officers, fire fighters, other emergency services personnel and their significant others have received this important legal service.



ABOVE: YCBA board member Glenn Smith and his crew sported paw print tattoos.



LEFT: Judge Mike Bortner and his wife Jackie showed their Penn State spirit.



RIGHT:
Front: Andrea Eveler Stanley,
Dawn Persing, Judge
Kathleen Prendergast,
Jonelle Harter Esbach
Back: Kristine and George
Eveler, Beth Lawson

We are...

The YCBA Young Lawyers sponsored a bus trip and tail gate party to the Penn State University vs. Temple "Stripe Out" game on Saturday, Sept 17.

Bar Foundation Donor Celebration

More than 50 people attended the York County Bar Foundation's major donor appreciation event in honor of those who have given gifts from \$1,000 and up. The foundation's endowment has more than doubled over the prior year with current assets of \$2.9 million. The income from the YCBF's endowment will help the bar continue to help its partners, including the treatment courts, to build their capacity to serve more people — reducing jail days served and saving taxpayer dollars— helping them become productive members of the community and stabilizing families.

Judge John Kennedy spoke about the work of the treatment courts along with a treatment court graduate, Barb Chance, who shared her journey on the road to recovery. There was also an appearance by Fahrenheit, a therapy dog for the juvenile treatment courts, who was funded by the bar foundation.



On the *Local Scene...*

The event was held at the beautiful Yorktowne Farms with music by Sound of Roses featuring bar member Dave Mills on drums. Floral centerpieces were created by member Ann Marie McElwee.

Attendees were inspired by the journey shared by drug treatment court graduate Barb Chance.



Treatment court graduate Barb Chance shared her journey on the road to recovery.



PBA President Sara Austin with Foundation President Paul Minnich.



Judge John Kennedy and drug treatment court graduate Barb Chance.

"I get rejected for jobs because of bad decisions I made years ago.

I need to work to support my family."



Nearly one in three adults has a criminal record. And in Pennsylvania, a record — even for minor offenses — can follow a person for life, limiting opportunities for jobs and housing.

A new law allows many Pennsylvanians convicted of second- and third-degree misdemeanors to have their records removed from public view.

Learn more by reading the brochure, "Understanding Expungement and Limited Access to Criminal Records." Get a free copy by calling the Pennsylvania Bar Association at 888-799-4557 or by visiting www.pabar.org.

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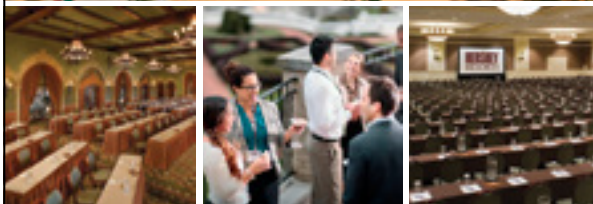


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