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Three County Bar Associations Are Recipients of Pennsylvania Bar Foundation Grants

By E. Marie Queen, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Bar Foundation

The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation launched the Birdsall Impact Grant Program in March 2008, with the intention of awarding grants totaling no more than \$1,000 annually over the next 10 years to assist county bar associations in implementing a program or project, or enhancement of an existing program or project, that succeeded in making an immediate impact on the way county bar associations operate in service to their members, the courts and their community.

Open to all bar associations, with consideration given to those with limited needs, the program drew seven exemplary applicants in the inaugural year.

A committee comprised of five Foundation Life Fellows, three of whom were appointed by then-Foundation President Karen Balaban and two of whom were named by Conference of County Bar Leaders President Michele Dawson, thoroughly reviewed each application.

The committee concluded that the first awards be presented to the Butler County Bar Association to support low-cost CLE for attorneys participating in the association's pro bono and modest means lawyer referral programs and to the Lawrence County Bar Association

to support the purchase of a laptop computer to provide access to PBI group casting CLE programs for members of the bar.

The awards were presented to Lawrence County Bar Association Executive Director Joellen Pastore and to Marion Laffey-Ferry, accepting on behalf of the Butler County Bar, at the Foundation's annual meeting on June 5 in Hershey.

In addition, the Cumberland County and Butler County Bar Associations have taken advantage of a matching grant program conducted by the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation to assist coun-

ty bar associations in launching modest means lawyer referral programs.

In the first year of a two-year commitment, the Foundation will provide a maximum of 10 matching grants of \$250 each to county bar associations that establish modest means lawyer referral programs following the guidelines promulgated by the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Task Force on the Legal Needs of Middle Income People. The one-time grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, visit www.pabarfoundation.org. ■

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PBA President McClain Promotes County Bar Outreach

As “the first sole practitioner in modern history” to serve as PBA president, C. Dale McClain’s goals for the upcoming bar year include promoting county bar outreach, encouraging pro bono for children through the PBA Child Advocate Pro Bono Committee and continuing to develop the PBA legislative grassroots system. The incoming president outlined these plans during his June 6 address to the PBA House of Delegates in Hershey.

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He reminded those attending that the Pa. Bar Insurance Fund and Trust offers grants to county bar associations to purchase video equipment for use in their bar association buildings, saying that installing the equipment would allow for PBA and PBI programs to be conducted in several locations at the same time, thus reducing members’ time out of the office, travel time and costs of transportation and lodging.

“When members are asked why they are not more active in the PBA’s committees and sections or do not attend their meetings or programs, many say they

cannot take the time to travel to these meetings,” he said. “For many of our members, the travel time exceeds the time actually spent at the meeting. The PBA must make it easier for our members to get the full benefit of membership by participating in the activities of our committees and sections.”

McClain said he also intends to strengthen and expand the PBA grassroots legislative effort.

“This past year showed us that when we have a crisis — like the proposed sales tax on legal services — that affects everyone’s law practice, we can get the members to respond to their legislators,” he said. “The PBA achieved a result that shows your PBA membership is a very good investment in the success of your professional practice.”

To promote this effort, McClain has asked the PBA Board of Governors to work with local bar officers and leaders and PBA committee and section members.



Outgoing PBA President Andrew F. Susko (right) passes the gavel of office to incoming PBA President, and former CCBL President, C. Dale McClain during the PBA Annual Dinner.

The goal is for the PBA to continue to develop its grassroots contact system, with at least two personal contacts for every one of Pennsylvania’s 253 legislators. To promote this effort, McClain has asked the PBA Board of Governors to work with local bar officers and leaders and PBA committee and section members. ■

USI Affinity Adds Staff to Lawyers Professional Liability Program

USI Affinity, the Pennsylvania Bar Association's endorsed insurance administrator, has announced the addition of Mira Estaphanous as sales executive in the Lawyers Professional Liability (LPL) Division.

A licensed attorney, Estaphanous most recently served as a commercial real estate attorney with Regan Law P.C.

“Mira’s experience and perspective as an attorney, as well as her knowledge of our Professional Liability program, will enable us to continue better serving members of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. I am pleased that Mira has joined USI

Affinity,” said Shelly Lawson, vice president of bar association programs.

USI Affinity’s LPL program provides broad affordable coverage custom-tailored to meet firms’ unique needs, offering a wide range of limits and deductibles and no-cost risk management services.

If you have any questions about the Lawyers Professional Liability programs available to members of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, or to receive an informal review of your current program, please contact Mira at (610) 537-1313 or mira.estaphanous@usi.biz. ■

PABE Retreat, August 3-5

Come For the Learning — Stay for the ‘Musik’

The Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives (PABE) will gather in Bethlehem, Northampton County, for their annual retreat on August 3- 5.

Participants will learn about the new 990 tax forms being introduced next year with a presentation by Donald Kramer. In addition, in a time when judicial retention elections and general judicial elections are so important, the question all bar association executives face is what they can and cannot do as an association to participate in the elections but still be mindful of their 501(c)(6) status. Gregory M. Harvey will present a program on how bar associations may participate in the process. There will also be a program presented by the Leadership Development Institute on leadership vs. management skills, which will culminate with an action planning component from the viewpoint of leadership.

Sponsors of the event are USI Affinity, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

Of course, with any conference or retreat there is always a little fun time built into the schedule. Those attending the retreat can enjoy the historic town of Bethlehem with its world-famous “Musikfest,” a 10-day festival of more than 300 performers from across the country and around the globe. Musical programming is located on 14 different indoor and outdoor stages, 10 of which are free (www.musikfest.org). In addition, Bethlehem is home to the Bach Choir, Moravian College, Lehigh University, the Eagles training camp, great shopping and much more. To add to the fun, the neighboring towns of Easton and Allentown are home to the Crayola Factory and Dorney Park, respectively.

Anyone interested in attending the conference should contact Mary Beth Leeson at the Northampton County Bar Association at 610-258-6333 or marybeth@norcobar.org. ■

PBA Joins County Bars in Fall Public Education Campaign

“How a Lawyer Can Help You” is the topic for the October 2008 statewide public education campaign, which is a joint effort of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and county bar associations.

This year, the PBA’s Community and Public Relations Committee is charged with overseeing the statewide lawyer image campaign as well as rolling out the statewide legal public education print campaign, which is offered every other year and is free-of-charge to local bar associations that choose to participate. The public education print campaign includes newspaper ads about a selected legal topic and the mailing of free informative brochures to the public.

The committee surveyed local bar associations about the direction of the campaign in 2008. Local bar associations that returned the survey indicated they wanted the PBA to use its existing commercials (showing how lawyers help the public with starting a business, and with elder law problems) and would like the commercials to run in tandem with the statewide print public education campaign in the month of October. The campaign topic favored by most local bar associations for the campaign was “How a Lawyer Can Help You.”

County bar associations were asked for a contribution of \$4 per PBA member in their county bar association to fund the electronic media portion of the campaign. County bar associations can participate free of charge in the print advertisement portion of the campaign. ■

PABE ANNUAL RETREAT August 3 – 5, 2008 Comfort Suites, Bethlehem, Pa.

Come for the Learning, Stay for the ‘Musik’!

Sunday, August 3

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception at Starter’s Riverport
Free time/Musikfest

Monday, August 4

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Leadership Development Institute
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
Afternoon free – Musikfest, shopping
6:30 p.m. – 8:30/9:00 p.m. Dinner at Granny McCarthy’s, Main St., Bethlehem

Tuesday, August 5

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. “Judicial Retention and General Elections –
How Can Bar Associations Participate?”
10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. “The Future of the 990 – What’s in it for us?”
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Informal discussions on future issues of our bar
associations, with a quick, boxed lunch.



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Protect Your Profession Through Political Action

PABAR-PAC is the political action committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Its mission is to help elect legislators who represent the interests of Pennsylvania's legal profession – *our* profession – and the clients we serve. Pennsylvania lawyers and the clients we represent are greatly affected by the decisions made by our lawmakers in the state legislature, yet today, *only about 20% of these lawmakers are attorneys.*

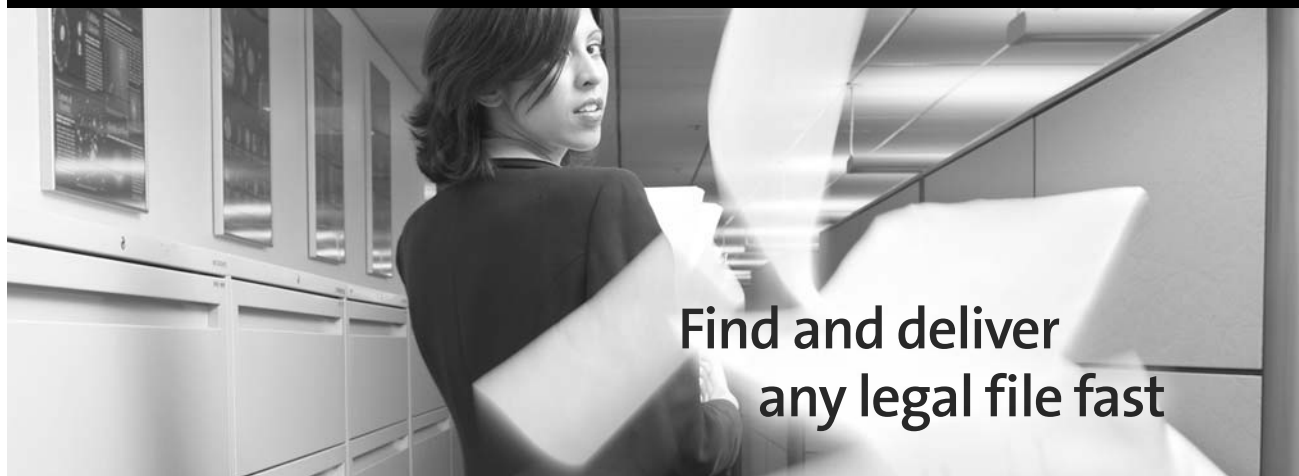
With issues such as taxes on legal services, the unlicensed practice of law, and caps on noneconomic damages in medical malpractice cases, the legal community cannot afford to have fewer legislators on Capitol Hill who lack an understanding of our profession. We need your help to elect legislators who will consider our views on the legal issues that affect us all.

Make your profession's voice heard and become a leader of PABAR-PAC.

For more information, please contact:
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On the *Local Scene*...

Berks

“Excellence in Fiduciary Service”

The Berks County Bar Association, in cooperation with Berks Encore, is offering a program titled “Excellence in Fiduciary Service,” described as “bringing together attorneys, accountants, investment advisors, doctors, geriatric care managers and government officials to teach older citizens and their caregivers how to use a power of attorney properly.”

Carbon

YLD Law Day

The Carbon County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division conducted its annual Law Day program with help from the Victims Resource Center. Students from the county’s five high schools attended and participated in a mock trial.

Chester

Law Day Celebrations

The Chester County Bar Association celebrated Law Day by honoring several students for their efforts in interpreting this year’s theme, “Growing Strong Citizens.” The first-place winner of the Charles E. Swope Scholarship received \$2,500 and designated her matching grant of \$2,500 to go to the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County.

Several students also participated in a poster contest and the winners received U.S. Savings Bonds. The keynote speaker was Chester County Court of Common Pleas President Judge Paula Francisco Ott.

The association recognized participants in the Law Day contests at a luncheon at the West Chester Country Club for over 120 guests, including Chester County Court of Common Pleas judges and several local government representatives.

Barrister’s Bagels at the Bar

On the first Friday of each month, the Chester County Bar Association hosts “Barrister’s Bagels at the Bar.” Members stop by the bar association building for free coffee and bagels to get their day started and to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow attorneys and judges.

Earth Day Celebration

To celebrate Earth Day 2008, the Chester County Bar Association held a computer recycling day where members could drop off computers, monitors, printers, etc. to either be donated to local organizations or to be recycled by a local company. The association facilitated the recycling of about 60 large items and donated four complete systems to the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. They also generated \$600 for the Chester County Bar Foundation as a result of the fee charged for IT Manager Dave Drager to wipe out hard drives prior to recycling. This was a win-win-win for the members of the bar association, its foundation and its efforts to save the planet.

Crawford

“Meet Your Legal System”

The Crawford County Bar Association presented a “Meet Your Legal System” program where judges, attorneys and others fielded a range of legal questions from the public. The event was sponsored by the bar association, the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges and the League of Women Voters of the Meadville Area.

Cumberland

New Association Sections

The Cumberland County Bar Association now has three Sections: Family Law, Criminal Law and Probate and Real Estate Law. President William A. Duncan encouraged the development of the sections at the annual meeting this past January to further attorney camaraderie and specialization education for those who participate.

Midyear Meeting

The first Cumberland County Bar Association Midyear Meeting took place in late June in Camp Hill. A reception with judges and legislators followed, continuing the association’s legislative outreach efforts.

“You & The Law”

The Cumberland County Bar Association’s 2007-08 “You & The Law” presentations at area high schools are complete. Planning for the 2008-09 school year program is underway.

Dauphin

New Members and Awards

On April 30, 17 applicants were formally approved for membership in the Dauphin County Bar Association and welcomed by DCBA President Craig A. Longyear and President Judge Richard A. Lewis. Additionally, Pete Shellem, investigative reporter for *The Patriot-News* and author of several articles on unlawful convictions, was presented with the 2008 Liberty Bell Award and the Central Pennsylvania Paralegals Association presented a scholarship to Valorie Rosi.



Dauphin County Bar Association President Craig A. Longyear (left) presents the association’s Liberty Bell Award to Pete Shellem, investigative reporter for The Patriot-News.



On the *Local Scene...*

“Ask A Lawyer” Program

Thirty-six attorneys participated in the annual Dauphin County Bar Association “Ask A Lawyer” Program at the Strawberry Square office and shopping complex in downtown Harrisburg during Law Week. The lawyers fielded more than 300 questions from local citizens covering a broad range of legal issues, and distributed numerous legal information pamphlets throughout the week.

Lawyers and Judges

Go Back to School

Ninety-five Dauphin County Bar Association lawyers volunteered to visit 118 classrooms in local schools during the month of May as part of the annual “Lawyers and Judges Go Back to School” Program.

Delaware

Law Day Ceremonies

In keeping with the theme “Growing Strong Citizens,” the Delaware County Bar Association recognized the following at its Law Day ceremony: The Elizabeth C. Price award was presented to Leonard A. Sloane. This award is given to a person “whose dedication, integrity and loyalty to the bar association most closely exemplify that of Price, the DCBA’s executive director.” Sloane was recognized for his efforts and invaluable contributions to the DCBA, the PBA and Zone 9.

The Themis Award was presented to America’s First Fair Trade Town Committee of Media “for their outstanding contribution to our American system of freedom under the law and support of buyers and producers of superior products, fair wages and favorable working environments.”

The Liberty Bell Award, was presented by the DCBA YLD Section to the Delaware County Fireman’s Association “for 100 years of bravery, protection, compassion and exemplary service to families.”

Law Day Special Recognition Awards were presented to William J. Sweeney of the Constable Transport Unit, Attorney Richard M. Lutz, Sgt. Lance Storm and Correctional Officers John Siravo and Adel Delprato for outstanding service and dedication to the legal community.

Elder Law Handbook and Resources Guide

The Delaware County Services for the Aging (COSA) and the Delaware County Bar Association Elder Law Committee have made their *Delaware County Elder Law Handbook and Resources Guide* available for viewing and/or downloading. The *Guide* is published for Delaware County seniors and their families.

Seminars

The Delaware County Bar Association kicked off the summer with the following seminars: In May, the DCBA and the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas presented “Introduction to Sentencing in Pennsylvania by the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing.” The seminar covered basic terminology used in the field and an overview of statutes and policies related to sentencing (sentencing alternatives, mandatory minimums, county vs. state sentences, aggregation, merger, etc.). Also in May, the DCBA Family Law Section sponsored a CLE, “Advanced Topics in Child Custody: Religion, Relocation and Alternative Families,” dedicated to these developing and challenging areas of law. For the 9th straight year, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee seminar “What is Your Case Worth When Analyzed and Compared Over the Last Several Years?” was back by popular demand. This annual seminar addressed contemporary settlement evaluation for selected cases, as analyzed by an outstanding panel of judges, arbitrators and lawyers.

Erie

Law Day Events

The Erie County Bar Association marked Law Day with a discussion on civil and human rights by Gregory H. Williams, president of the City College of New York and author of *Life on the Color Line: The True Story of a White Boy Who Discovered He Was Black*. The association also sponsored a Law Day 5K Run/Walk benefitting the association’s Attorneys and Kids Together program.

Franklin

Law Day Celebration

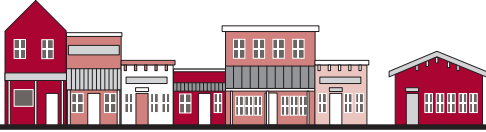
Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice J. Michael Eakin was the guest speaker for the Franklin County Bar Association’s 2008 Law Day celebration on May 2 at the county courthouse in Chambersburg. Nearly 150 middle and high school students and their teachers from throughout the county heard Justice Eakin’s remarks on the unique qualities of the American justice system and the important role each citizen plays in it. Franklin County Commissioner David Keller, also a member of the bar, read a proclamation issued by commissioners in recognition of the 50th anniversary of Law Day. The celebration concluded with a mock criminal trial presented by the FCBA’s Young Lawyers Division and presided over by Common Pleas Judge Douglas Herman.

Support Staff Luncheon

Nearly 70 paralegals, secretaries and other staff signed up for the first Support Staff Luncheon hosted by the Franklin County Bar Association. The event was designed to give law office staff the chance to meet and network with their peers. It also provided a forum for the bar to get input on ideas for educational programs it could offer to law office staff, such as computer training and law office management seminars. The feedback from both staff and attorneys was overwhelmingly positive, and the bar hopes to make the luncheon an annual event.

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On the *Local Scene...*

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“PBA On the Hill”

Members of the Franklin County Bar Association participated for the first time in the “PBA On the Hill” event. Forest Myers, the unit county governor on the PBA Board of Governors and immediate past president of FCBA; Carrie Bowmaster, managing attorney in the Chambersburg office of MidPenn Legal Services and FCBA Executive Director Carolyn Seibert-Drager participated in the May 5 events at the Capitol.

Lackawanna

Hoban Memorial Forum

The Lackawanna Bar Association, together with the University of Scranton, held their T. Linus Hoban Memorial Forum. Christianne Amanpour, CNN chief international correspondent, and her husband, James Rubin, a political advisor and adjunct professor at Columbia University, were the guest lecturers.

“The Fire Down Below”

On Law Day, the Lackawanna Bar Association joined with the Scranton Public Theater to present “The Fire Down Below,” a re-enactment of Clarence Darrow’s 1902 argument in support of recognition of the United Mineworkers Union. The bar association also invited the public to its first annual Interfaith Prayer Service.

The association also held its annual past-presidents dinner, 26th Annual Bench-Bar Conference, and members participated in the annual Red Mass.

Lawrence

Law Day Essay Contest

The Lawrence County Bar Association held a Law Day essay contest for college-bound seniors. The topic was “Whether or not a Federal Communications Commission policy that allows for fines against broadcasters for so-called ‘fleeting expletives,’ one-time uses of profanity, is unconstitutional.” The contest allowed for two winners, each of whom received a \$1,500 scholarship.

Lebanon

Law Day Essay Contest

The Lebanon County Bar Association held an essay contest in conjunction with its celebration of Law Day. The winner received a \$250 savings bond.

Lycoming

Law Day Art and Essay Contests

The Lycoming County Bar Association celebrated Law Day with art and essay contests. Students wrote about rules schools have during recess, and to what extent they believed a school could go to to protect the safety of students before violating their rights. Artwork depicted various aspects of how the Rule of Law applies in society.

Monroe

Law Day Events

The Monroe County Bar Association kicked off its Law Day celebration with the 19th Annual Fairy Tale Trial. “Commonwealth vs. Hood” was based on the fictitious character Robin Hood and a criminal theft action. Approximately 525 fifth graders witnessed the trials in five courtrooms in the Monroe County Courthouse. Prior to the trials, students were given tours of the courthouse.

The Law Day ceremony and luncheon was held at Pocono Inne Town. The theme of the commemoration was “Growing Strong Citizens.” Gerard J. Geiger, president of the MCBA, gave a welcome message and the announcement of the Liberty Bell Award, which was given to Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Richards Jr., in recognition of his contributions to the community.

The 25th Annual Law Day Five-Mile Race was held on April 27.

“Judges and Lawyers

Go Back to School”

Throughout the month of May, many Monroe County Bar Association attorneys and judges participated in the “Judges and Lawyers Go Back to School” Program. The judges and lawyers visited classrooms in the Monroe County school

districts with materials and lessons designed to educate children about their rights and responsibilities as good citizens. Close to 20 lawyers and judges participated in the program, visiting more than 650 students.

Luncheons and Receptions

The Monroe County Bar Association sponsored a luncheon to recognize the “Star Power” work of secretaries, paralegals and administrative assistants. Thirty-three guests were treated to a catered luncheon, appreciation gifts and participated in activities that enabled them to become acquainted with their counterparts in other offices, and the bar association staff.

On June 13, the Monroe County Bar Association celebrated the satisfaction of its mortgage by hosting a reception for its members and those who helped the vision of a bar center become a reality. Several members of the Legislature, courthouse staff and the judiciary attended the reception.

The MCBA sponsored a Criminal Law Section Luncheon. The hosts were District Attorney E. David Christine, Chief Public Defender Wieslaw T. Niemoczynski and Magisterial District Judge Michael R. Muth.

Montgomery

Extreme Home Makeover:

Young Lawyer Edition

Several members of the Montgomery Bar Association Young Lawyers Section recently took part in a community effort to repair and revitalize the distressed home and property of a local veteran. The project was done in cooperation with the North Penn and Indian Valley Boys and Girls Clubs. The Lansdale home had fallen on hard times and was in dire need of repairs, and the yard was full of discarded items and overgrowth. MBA President Bob Morris, also a director for the Boys and Girls Club, turned to the Young Lawyers Section with a request for labor and support. Within minutes, several answered the call and volunteered their time on a Saturday morning. Necessary



items such as a dumpster, paint, tools, mulch, and food and drinks for the volunteers were graciously donated by local businesses and individuals who also gave their time to help the cause. The outdoor tasks included properly disposing of waste and hazardous materials, installing a new fence, planting trees and shrubs, cleaning the yard, and painting the house. Some even brought family members along to help with the daylong effort, which grew to draw attention from Fox 29, Action News and other news media.

Memorial Service

The Montgomery Bar Association held their annual memorial service for members who had died in the past year.

Elder Law Handbook

The Montgomery Bar Association has released its annual *Montgomery County Elder Law Handbook*, a free publication that provides information on legal issues faced by seniors and their caregivers.

Northampton

YLD Events

Combining fun, competition and a chance to meet one's neighbors, the Young Lawyers Division of the Northampton County Bar Association challenged the YLD members of the Bar Association of Lehigh County in a bowling event. (Northampton County won!)

The YLD also created a new scholarship award – The Northampton County Bar Association YLD Mock Trial Scholarship. Any high school senior in Northampton County who participated in the mock trial program and who has his or her sights on a future legal career was eligible. The first award went to Michael R. Manchester, an Easton Area High School graduate who is planning on attending Georgetown University in the fall.

The YLD also presented a Law Day program and participated in the Walk for a Healthy Community.

Baseball Game Outings

The Northampton County Bar Association Board created a new ad hoc committee this year to plan social and community activities for members. The first activity was a bus trip to a New York Yankees vs. Toronto Blue Jays baseball game. Those attending the sold-out event were treated to a Yankees home run in the bottom of the ninth to win the game! Another baseball outing is planned to watch the new local AAA team, the Iron Pigs.

Northumberland

Law Day Activities

The Northumberland County Bar Association held Law Day activities for students.

Washington

Law Day "Season"

The Washington County Bar Association's Law Day "season" started on April 2 with the first of six-weeks of People's Law School seminars, which involved 85 attendees, 21 attorney presenters and 10 court personnel presenters.

The association tied an installment of its Classic Law Film Festival to a viewing of *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* and a discussion about communist May Day vs. American Law Day for 50 attendees. The association scheduled several "Stepping Out for H.S. Seniors" presentations.

The May 13 edition of a local newspaper ran a 16-page supplement highlighting WCBA Law Day activities. The supplement, which included classroom activities, was also sent to all schools that participate in the Newspapers in Education program (audience for the supplement estimated at 35,000).

On May 12, the WCBA held a free, public celebration, which drew 150 people to the courthouse for presentations of the student contest awards and the Liberty Bell award, and a local court admission ceremony. Later, the Law Day luncheon (and CLE) featured speaker U.S. District Court Justice Reggie Walton (jurist for the Scooter Libby trials), followed by a Bar Foundation charity golf event involving 60 golfers.

Wayne

Mock Kidnapping Trial

The Wayne County Bar Association marked Law Day with the Mock Trial Club from Honesdale High School and a mock kidnapping trial. Bar Association president Alfred Howell served as judge. Attorneys from the association also participated in the Stepping Out Program, addressing the legal concerns of high school graduates. ■

A Grants Reminder from the Pa. Bar Insurance Fund and Trust Fund

We last detailed "How to Request a Grant" from the Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund & Trust Fund on Page 3 of the July 2007 issue of the *County Line*, which can be found online at www.pabar.org/pdf/CountyLine/cljuly07.pdf.

While there is no formal grant application, you can obtain a copy of the "Guidelines Regarding Grants" by contacting PBA Governance Manager Sandra Graver at (800) 932-0311, Ext. 2221, or by going to www.pabar.org. Members Only, About PBA, Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund & Trust Fund.

The Trustees will next meet on Sept. 13, 2008, and grant requests are due no later than Aug. 12, 2008. Grant requests should be directed to the attention of Sandra L. Graver. For more information about grant requests, contact Sandra at (800) 932-0311, Ext. 2221, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186 or via e-mail at sandra.graver@pabar.org. ■

Courses from the Pennsylvania Bar Institute

Dates, times and locations are subject to change. Contact PBI's Customer Service Department for more information at (800) 932-4637, (800) 247-4724 or (717) 796-0804 or visit their Web site at www.pbi.org.

Pittsburgh - Tues., July 22
Mechanicsburg - Wed., July 23
Philadelphia - Thurs., July 24
SIMULCAST - Wed., July 23:
Chambersburg, Doylestown, Erie, Lebanon, Stroudsburg, West Chester
Using the Internet for Legal Research, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 5 substantive/1 ethics CLE credits

Harrisburg - Thurs. & Fri., July 24 & 25
11th Annual Elder Law Institute, 8:30 a.m. to 4:35 p.m.; check-in at 7:45 a.m.; 12 CLE credits. Workshop choices will determine whether credits are in substantive law, practice and procedure, or ethics, professionalism or substance abuse.

Champion - Fri. & Sat., July 25 & 26
YLD Summer Conference 2008, July 25; 3:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.; check-in at 2:30 pm; 2 substantive CLE credits, July 26; 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 2 substantive/1 ethics CLE credits

Mechanicsburg - Tues., July 29
Philadelphia - Thurs., Aug. 28
SIMULCAST - Tues., July 29:
Pittsburgh, Villanova, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre
Ohlbaum on Evidence - Advocacy: Using the Rules of Evidence to Persuade, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 5 substantive/1 ethics CLE credits. Must attend entire program to receive ethics credit.

Philadelphia - Wed., July 30
SIMULCAST - Wed., July 30:
Doylestown, Erie, Lebanon, Media, Stroudsburg, West Chester
Identity Theft, 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 3.5 substantive CLE credits

Mechanicsburg - Tues., Aug. 5
SIMULCAST - Tues., Aug. 5: *Lebanon, Media, Philadelphia, Stroudsburg*
Current Military Legal Issues Facing Civilian Attorneys, 8:30 a.m. to 12:45

p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 4 substantive CLE credits

Philadelphia - Wed., Aug. 6
Mechanicsburg - Tues., Aug. 12
Pittsburgh - Thurs., Aug. 14
SIMULCAST - Tues., Aug. 12:
Chambersburg, Doylestown, Norristown, Stroudsburg, West Chester
Fundamentals of Civil Practice, 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 4 substantive CLE credits

Philadelphia - Thurs., Aug. 7
SIMULCAST - Thurs., Aug. 7:
Greensburg, Mansfield, Mechanicsburg, Media, New Castle, Pittsburgh, Stroudsburg, Villanova, Wilkes-Barre, York
The Art of Law of Witness Impeachment, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 2 substantive CLE credits

Philadelphia - Wed., Aug. 20
SIMULCAST - Wed., Aug. 20:
Mechanicsburg, Greensburg
Construction Contract Law and Litigation Update, 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 4 substantive CLE credits

Philadelphia - Thurs., Aug. 14
Pittsburgh - Thurs., Aug. 21
Mechanicsburg - Thurs., Aug. 28
SIMULCAST - Thurs., Aug. 28:
Greensburg, Mansfield, Media, New Castle, Stroudsburg, Villanova, Wilkes-Barre
Neighbor Law, 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 4 substantive CLE credits

GREAT FOR SOLO & SMALL FIRMS:
Gettysburg - Thurs. and Fri., Aug. 14 & 15
Law Practice Management and Development Institute, Aug. 14; 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.; check-in and breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m., Aug. 15; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; check-in and breakfast begin at 7:00 a.m.; 11 substantive/1 ethics CLE credits

Mechanicsburg - Thurs., Aug. 14
Philadelphia - Fri., Aug. 15
Pittsburgh - Wed., Aug. 27
SIMULCAST - Fri., Aug. 15:
Easton, Greensburg, Lebanon,

Mansfield, New Castle, Norristown, Stroudsburg, Villanova, Wilkes-Barre, York
Effective Legal Negotiation Skills for Lawyers, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 5 substantive/1 ethics CLE credits. Must attend entire program to receive ethics credit.

Atlantic City, NJ - Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 14 & 15
CLE: Down the Shore, Tort Law Update, Aug. 14; 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 3 substantive CLE credits

CLE: Down the Shore, Sending the Right Message to the Jury: Communicating Persuasively During Voir Dire and Trial, Aug. 14; 1:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 12:30 p.m.; 3 substantive CLE credits

CLE: Down the Shore, Morning on Real Estate, Aug. 15; 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 3 substantive CLE credits

CLE: Down the Shore, Anatomy for Lawyers: The Back, Aug. 15; 1:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 12:45 p.m.; 3 substantive CLE credits

Pittsburgh - Mon., Aug. 18
Philadelphia - Tues., Aug. 26
SIMULCAST - Tues., Aug. 26:
Mechanicsburg, Stroudsburg
Building Green, 12:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.; check-in and lunch at noon; 3 substantive CLE credits

Allentown - Thurs., Aug. 21
The Nuts & Bolts of Medicaid Planning; 12:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.; check-in at noon; 3 substantive CLE credits

Meadville - Fri., Aug. 22
Family Law: A View from the Bench, 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 3 substantive/1 ethics CLE credits

Mechanicsburg - Mon., Aug. 25
SIMULCAST - Mon., Aug. 25:
Greensburg, Mansfield, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Warren, Wilkes-Barre
Gas Leasing, 12:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.; check-in and lunch begin at noon; 4 substantive CLE credits

PBI Courses, cont.

Philadelphia - Tues., Aug. 26
Mechanicsburg - Wed., Aug. 27
Pittsburgh - Thurs., Aug. 28
SIMULCAST - Wed., Aug. 27:
Chambersburg, Doylestown, Erie,
Media, Stroudsburg, West Chester

A Practical Approach to Premarital Agreements, 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 4 substantive CLE credits

Philadelphia - Mon., Sept. 15
SIMULCAST - Mon., Sept. 15:
Doylestown, Easton, Mechanicsburg,
Media, Pittsburgh, West Chester
Case Management Techniques for Mass Tort Cases, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 2 substantive/1 ethics CLE credits. Must attend entire program to receive ethics credit.

Hershey -
Thurs. and Fri., Sept. 18 & 19
24th Annual PBA Workers' Compensation Fall Section Meeting, Sept. 18; 1:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.; check-in at 1:00 p.m., Sept. 19; 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m., 6 substantive/1 ethics CLE credits

Atlantic City, NJ -
Fri. - Sun., Sept. 19 - 21
Philadelphia Bar Association 2008 Bench-Bar Conference, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; check-in at 7:30 a.m.

Philadelphia - Thurs. Sept. 25
SIMULCAST - Thurs., Sept. 25:
Doylestown, Easton, Mechanicsburg,
Pittsburgh, Villanova
The Right to Bear Arms, noon to 2:00 p.m.; check-in and lunch at 11:15 a.m.; 2 substantive CLE credits

Camp Hill - Fri., Sept. 26
Exceptional Children's Conference, 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 5 substantive/1 ethics CLE credits

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PBA Plans Statewide Law Day Survey

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This year's statewide Law Day celebration was a great success. Across the commonwealth, Law Day was marked with a variety of events, some including the public, or school students, some involving festive meals, and so on. Each Law Day activity had its own "twist."

What made your Law Day event a success in your county? To find out, we will be sending an online survey to all county bar executives to learn about the Law Day programs in your county.

We are also interested to learn how the PBA Law Related Education Committee can better serve you and your members in

your law-related education efforts, such as Law Day and Celebrate the Constitution.

The information from survey will be extremely helpful to me in planning future projects and events, and providing better service to you. As always I am very interested in meeting each of you and learning more about your services, members and how I may support and assist you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do or if you have law-related education events that you think I should attend.

I appreciate the feedback and very gracious reception I have received so far and look forward to meeting and talking with all of you in the near future. Contact me at (800) 932-0311, Ext. 2256 or e-mail at susan.etter@pabar.org. ■



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