

The COUNTY LINE



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SAVE THE DATES: February 26-28, 2009 CCBL Meets in State College for 'Mardi Gras'



“Riverboat gambling” and great jazz will have you thinking you are in New Orleans for the 43rd Annual Conference of County Bar Leaders, February 26-28, and actually taking place at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College. Those of you who were there last year will remember the excitement and friendly competition among bar leaders, vendors and others. More fun is in store this year, and our keynote speaker, Porter Halyburton, will have everyone on the edge of their seats with his unique insights on leadership and ethics.

Save the dates and watch for registration information in the mail and on the CCBL Web site at www.pabar.org/public/localbar/ccbl/home.asp.



*By Colleen Neary,
 CCBL Executive Committee*

Porter Halyburton will bring his vast array of knowledge, experience and observations to the Conference of County Bar Leaders in February with his presentation on “the ethics of duty” and “the ethics of consequence,” as well as the dilemma that these two standards sometimes present. Porter’s vast experience as an observer of leaders (13 presidents of the Naval War College all doing the same job with many different leadership styles) and the most demanding of situations (POW camps) will bring unique insight to CCBL.

Held for 7-½ years in a prison camp in North Vietnam, Porter Halyburton not only survived captivity, but turned that horrific experience into a strong positive force in his life and the lives of others with whom he has shared his story. Asked to sum up his long years of captivity, Porter says, “I wouldn’t do it again for a billion dollars, but I wouldn’t take a billion dollars for what I learned during those 7-½ years.”

Wounded and exhausted when captured by the enemy, Porter was imprisoned in the infamous Hanoi Hilton. Interrogations and beatings were a daily occurrence, food was inadequate, living conditions abysmal and communication

forbidden. Aware of racial strife in the United States and intending to make conditions ever more unbearable, the North Vietnamese put the senior black Air Force officer Fred Cherry into the cell with Porter, a young white southerner, thinking they would find only misery and disdain in each other’s company. However, not only does Fred Cherry credit Porter with saving his life, they came to love each other as brothers.

This friendship was the focus of best selling author James Hirsch’s *Two Souls Indivisible: The Friendship That Saved Two POWs in Vietnam*. Often inspiring, sometimes heartbreaking, *Two Souls Indivisible*, shows how trust and hope can cheat death, and how good people can achieve greatness in hellish circumstances.

After his return from Vietnam, Porter completed his graduate work in journalism and then was assigned to the U.S. Naval War College. Following his retirement as a commander from active Naval service in 1984, Professor Halyburton continued on the faculty of the Naval War College, teaching strategy and policy, international relations, and the Military Code of Conduct. ■

County Bar Programming for 2009 PBA Midyear Meeting



Bar executives and county bar leaders who have attended a PBA Midyear Meeting in the last several years are familiar with the success the Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives has had with the roundtable format for our seminar. Since the last several seminars have produced such great discussion, we decided to keep the same format and simply update the topic for this upcoming year. We have also moved the session to Friday morning, from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Please join us for a roundtable discussion on “Future-Proofing the Bar and the Profession: Staying Relevant, Attractive and Important to Today’s Lawyer.” We will be comparing notes and ideas on our successes and commiserating on the ideas we may have already tried that didn’t make the impact we had hoped. This is an important issue for every Midyear Meeting attendee whether a local or state bar leader. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

**REGISTRATIONS FOR THE MIDYEAR MEETING
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at (800) 932-0311, Ext. 2225.**

Pennsylvania to Host National High School Mock Trial Finals in 2010

Mark your calendars now to spend some time in Philadelphia, May 5-9, 2010, as the Pennsylvania Bar Association will host the prestigious National High School Mock Trial Competition finals. The National Mock Trial Competition provides outstanding preparation for today’s high school students to become tomorrow’s lawyers. The competition truly showcases the best and the brightest of our next generation. Many members of your Bar tried their first “case” as a member of their high school mock trial team.

PBA President Dale McClain and Immediate Past President Andy Susko are co-chairs of the 2010 event, with an honorary advisory committee headed by Pennsylvania First Lady and Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Midge Rendell. The Pennsylvania Bar Association is committing significant financial and volunteer resources as the official host of the National Mock Trial Competition, and Drexel University is the leadership sponsor of the 2010 National Mock Trial Competition.

In Pennsylvania alone, nearly 2,000 high school students from approximately 250 high schools compete in district and regional levels of competition. Pennsylvania last hosted the 25-year-old nationals in Pittsburgh in 1996. The 2010 event promises to be an even bigger program, with more than 40 states and a number of foreign jurisdictions signed up to take part.

Check out the National Mock Trial Web site taking shape at <http://www.2010nationalmocktrial.com> ■

Special Report from Sacramento

By JoEllen Pastore, Executive Director
Lawrence County Bar Association

In June, I had the opportunity to attend the National Association of Bar Executives (NABE) Small Bar Conference in Sacramento, Calif. This was the third year for this specific conference designed to benefit those bars that are considered “small bars,” which is a relative philosophy. Of the near-30 bar associations represented at this conference, Lawrence County was one of the smaller bars, with a membership of 120. There were representatives from state bars such as Oregon, Michigan and Maryland, as well as from varying sized county bars throughout the country.

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There were many topics covered during the conference, ranging from board governance and strategic direction, to

member programs, events and services. It was unbelievable the similarity in issues that face so many bars, regardless of size. This was truly one of the most beneficial conferences that any bar executive could attend. I am extremely thankful to NABE, who awarded me a scholarship to attend the conference, and to all those friends and colleagues I met from across the country who continue to show me support as if I am their neighboring county.

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I encourage all small bars to consider attending this conference in June 2009. The Small Bar Conference changes locations annually, and I am pleased to say that I have been asked to assist in the planning of the 2009 conference, which will be held in Pennsylvania! ■

Three Pa. Bars Honored in Texas by NABE Communicators

Three Pennsylvania bar associations took home Luminary Awards from the National Association of Bar Executives Communications Section Conference, which was held Oct. 22-25, in Austin, Texas.

The Luminary Awards program, named for the New Mexican “luminaria,” recognizes excellence in bar publications (including Web sites) and outstanding efforts in public relations efforts.

The Montgomery Bar Association (MBA) Marketing Communications and Public Affairs Director Jim Mathias, Lansdale attorney Elizabeth Lippy and the 2007 MBA Community Outreach Committee were recognized for “Excellence in Public Relations” for their work on the television production and DVD, *The Process of a Sexual Predator*.

The Allegheny County Bar Association was recognized for “Excellence in Special Publications” for *That’s No Joke*, an illustrated children’s book. Tom Loftus, director of marketing and media relations, wrote *That is No Joke!* Attorney Jennifer A. Pulice, director of communications, edited the book. *That’s No Joke!* reinforces the key messages of the association’s “This is a Joke – Making Fun of Others is Not!” Program which is presented by attorneys to grades K-5.

The third award to go to a Pennsylvania bar was “Excellence in Regular Publications,” which went to Mark Tarasiewicz and the Philadelphia Bar Association for *The Philadelphia Lawyer*, the association’s quarterly magazine devoted to the law, lifestyles and other topics of interest to Philadelphia lawyers. ■

2009 NABE Small Bar Conference

June 26-27, 2009, Doubletree Hotel, Philadelphia



Deanna Mindler Takes on New Executive Director Role in Bucks County

By *Adrian L. Meyer, President, Bucks County Bar Association*

Deanna Mindler is the new executive director of the Bucks County Bar Association. She had been the executive director of the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce for the past six years.

Deanna began her working career at the age of 14, ironing shirts for a local physician. As the physician's office grew busier, she was quickly introduced to the world of filing, answering phones and scheduling appointments. Deanna's interest in helping and working with people

became apparent to both the doctor and herself.

This passion for working with people followed Deanna through the years in the many different phases of her career. As her children grew older and she re-entered the work force, she took a position as an advertising representative for the *Express Times* in Easton. She was recruited by one of her advertisers to run the admissions office of a local technical school in Allentown, helping candidates to get into programs that would make them workforce-ready and employable.

Manpower in Allentown soon recognized Deanna's talent in job placement,

offering her a position as a full-time staffing specialist; she later was placed in a management position at their Quakertown location. In this new position, Deanna used the local chamber of commerce for networking opportunities and to become familiar with local business owners. Deanna joined the Chamber first at the committee level and then as a member of their board of directors. When the position of executive director at the Chamber became available, Deanna applied and was pleased to be selected. This year Deanna became certified in non-profit management through the LaSalle University Non-Profit Center. ■

2009 Pennsylvania Bar Association Dues Schedule

Earliest Admit Date

To Any State Bar

	Prorated Schedule	Dues	Gov't Atty.
On or before 10/01/05	Nov – March	\$252.00	\$202.00
	April – June	189.00	152.00
	July – Sept	126.00	101.00
	Oct – Dec	63.00	51.00
10/02/05 thru 10/10/06	Nov – March	\$202.00	\$162.00
	April – June	152.00	122.00
	July – Sept	101.00	81.00
	Oct – Dec	51.00	41.00
10/11/06 thru 10/04/07	Nov – March	\$152.00	\$122.00
	April – June	114.00	92.00
	July – Sept	76.00	61.00
	Oct – Dec	38.00	31.00
10/05/07 thru 10/07/08	Nov – March	\$101.00	\$81.00
	April – June	76.00	61.00
	July – Sept	51.00	41.00
	Oct – Dec	26.00	21.00
On or After 10/08/08			FREE

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	June – Dec	65.00	N/A

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On the *Local Scene...*

Blair

The Blair County Bar Association, in partnership with the Pro Bono Office of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Mid-Penn legal Services and the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, has created a new pro bono program for county residents facing the struggles of rising debt and foreclosure actions. The program kicked off on Sept. 23, in Altoona, with a three-hour CLE training for Blair County attorneys on how to help needy persons access justice in debt and foreclosure matters.

Under a grant provided by the Pennsylvania IOLTA Board, which operates under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the Blair County Bar and its partners have established an innovative program in which participating lawyers will take one pro bono case and then are given three “low bono” (reduced compensation paid out of the grant) cases in debt and foreclosure matters. The clients for this program must meet the poverty income and residency guidelines of the local MidPenn Legal Services office, which does all of the screening for the initiative. Funding for the grant is derived from contributions from Pennsylvania licensed attorneys through an annual fundraising effort tied to the attorney registration process. The grants are targeted to initiate or expand organized pro bono efforts of private attorneys for the representation of low income Pennsylvania residents.

Debt and foreclosure expert Patrick Cicero of MidPenn Legal Services’ Harrisburg office joined PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Trevaskis, PLAN Executive Director Sam Milkes and Mid-Penn’s Blair County Office head Diana Ingersoll in presenting the program. In addition to Trevaskis, Traci Naugle and Ingersoll, the Blair County Bar Association Pro Bono Program Committee, which coordinates the program, also includes Blair County Bar Association President Jeff Fleming; Judge Jolene Grubb Kopriva; and community representative Rhonda White.



(left to right) Traci Naugle of the Blair County Bar Association; Diana Ingersoll and Patrick Cicero of MidPenn Legal Services; David Trevaskis, pro bono coordinator for the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Ilissa Zimmerman of the Blair County Bar Association; and Sam Milkes of Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network

Materials from the program are available to attorneys who register on www.paprobono.net, the online site for pro bono attorneys in Pennsylvania that is sponsored by PLAN and the PBA.

The Blair County Bar Association held its summer picnic at the Blair County ball-park on Aug. 21. All bar members, law clerks, judges and significant others were invited. Dinner was served and attendees watched the local team, the Altoona Curve, beat the Portland Sea Dogs 4 to 3. Special guests were C. Dale McClain, PBA president, and his wife, Carol; Charles Eppolito III, PBA secretary; Mary E. Schellhammer, Zone 8 Governor; and William J. Higgins Jr., Bedford County district attorney and his wife, Sandy.

Chester

The Chester County Bar Association held its family picnic in June. Attractions included an ice cream truck, a disc jockey and hayrides.

The Chester County Bar Association hosted its fourth annual Federal vs. State Bench-Bar Softball game and picnic on Aug. 20 at West Chester University, with a record turnout of more than 60 people. The Federals slid by the Chester County team 20 to 17. Team coaches included for the Feds, Judge Juan Sanchez of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and for the Chester County team, County Magisterial District Judge Mark Bruno.

Dauphin

The Capital Area Managing Partners (CAMP) Diversity Initiative, administered by the Dauphin County Bar Association Equal Professional Opportunity Committee, completed its Third Annual 1L Summer Intern Program, hiring 17 first-year minority law students for eight-week internships in Dauphin, Cumberland and Lancaster Counties. Each week featured a presentation describing the practical aspects of practicing law in different substantive areas. The number of internships is expected to grow to 20 by next summer, and include both 1L and 2L students.



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Almost 250 members of the Dauphin County Bar Association attended the DCBA annual picnic on City Island in July. Miniature golf, volleyball and a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament were available in addition to the traditional clams and summer picnic fare.

The DCBA Young Lawyers Section completed another annual volleyball season with almost 350 players on 23 teams competing weekly over a three-month period. This popular and collegial bar association program fosters camaraderie within and among numerous law firms in the Greater Harrisburg Area.

Delaware

With the close of the summer season, the Delaware County Bar Association kicked off "Back to School" month with seminars including "Increasing Your Strengths and Effectiveness in Your Work and Relationships," taught by Suzanne Noble, Delaware County Bar Association member and certified Enneagram teacher, Ph.D. in Human Development.

According to the Consortium for Research on Emotional Intelligence in Organizations, a person with emotional intelligence has both personal and social competence. The enneagram is one of the most accurate and useful systems to help develop those skills. It is a system of nine personality types, nine patterns of seeing the world with each type having its own behavioral patterns, skills and leadership abilities. Each has a style of relating to self and others. Many industry leaders have used the enneagram to enhance leadership within their organizations.

A large number of attendees at this popular seminar learned their type on the enneagram; the strengths of their type and how to encourage personal growth; how to identify weaknesses and turn them into strengths; understanding work patterns for specific types and how to work better and more effectively with clients, co-workers, family and friends; and how to have fun learning to know and appreciate

one's self and others in new positive creative ways.

The Delaware County Bar Association Young Lawyer's Section and Susquehanna Bank presented a CLE seminar entitled "Managing Your Law Firm's Cash and Cash Flow, featuring Ideas to Grow On: Work Smarter Not Harder to Achieve Success!" The program was based on the theory that time is a law firm's priority and the program was designed to "put time back in one's calendar." Featured speakers included Robert M. Firkser, president of the Delaware County Bar Association; Scott C. Gottel, president of the Young Lawyers' Section; an introduction by Cidney Trainor and Lynn Ozer of Susquehanna Bank; a presentation by Jaime Busolits; and a wrap-up session by Karen Hawn, business coach, founder and CEO of TJJ Solutions, Inc.

The Delaware County Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Voluntary Settlement Program, sponsored by the DCBA ADR Committee, held free monthly programs this fall to bring parties and their counsel before two settlement facilitators to attempt settlement or provide neutral evaluation to their cases. Such input assists the parties in further negotiations or helps them to settle their cases. Recommendations are advisory and provided as a voluntary service to DCBA members or other parties who have cases before the Delaware County Courts.

The Elder Law Committee of the Delaware County Bar Association featured a CLE seminar, "Updates In Elder Law," where attendees learned about the latest developments in the basics of Medicaid and long-term care, presented by Dana M. Breslin; Recent Superior Court cases and the impact on estate planning, presented by Jeff L. Lewin; and petitions by guardians of incapacitated persons after the appointment (estate planning, real estate and others), presented by Judge

Joseph P. Cronin Jr., Linda M. Anderson, Dennis Woody and William G. Halligan.

The Family Law Section of the Delaware County Bar Association held its inaugural Maureen F. Fitzpatrick Family Law Lecture Series entitled "The Truth About Children and Divorce," presented by Dr. Robert E. Emery, director of the University of Virginia Center for Children, Family and Law.

Franklin

The Franklin County Bar Association, in partnership with their local Agency on Aging, offered a "Planning for Your Future" seminar at two senior centers in the county in June. Attorneys presented the free two-hour program to about 65 attendees at the Chambersburg Senior Center and nearly 40 at the center in Waynesboro. Discussion topics included general estate planning, wills and powers of attorney, and nursing home admissions.

Fulton

The Fulton County Bar Association has donated portraits of all the president judges of the county, to be displayed in the county courthouse. Likenesses of all 14 of the county's presiding judges, going back to 1851, will now line the back walls of the courtroom. Many other counties have oil paintings of their early judges, but since Fulton has always been part of a multi-county jurisdiction, it had none of its own. Attorney Dwight Harvey arranged for photographic reproductions of portraits or prints of those early judges.

Indiana

The Indiana County Bar Association donated \$2,500 to the Salvation Army to be used for the Treasures for Children program during the Christmas holidays.

Jefferson

The Jefferson County Bar Association announced the seventh year of its Hon. Edwin L. Snyder Legal Scholarship to benefit law students from the county.

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Juniata

The Juniata County Bar Association held events recognizing the service of retiring President Judge C. Joseph Rehkamp.

Lackawanna

The Lackawanna Bar Association held a People's Law School in August. Sessions covered debtor/creditor rights, tort reform and elder law issues.

Lebanon

The Lebanon County Bar Association hosted the annual Berks/Lebanon Bar Golf Match. Approximately 40 lawyers from the two bar associations met for a friendly golf match at the Lebanon Country Club. The traveling trophy, fondly referred to as the "Winner's Cup," was retained by LCBA. Golf, lunch and dinner were included.

The Lebanon County Bar Association recognized M. Jannifer Weiss at its 2008 Pro Bono Conference. Weiss received the award for her dedication to those persons not able to afford legal representation. According to Laurie Yurejefcic, director of Mid-Penn Legal Services in Lebanon County, "Jan stepped in to cover PFA Court four times in 2007. She represented 13 clients and provided 12 hours of service. Whenever we needed her, we could call her and she'd be there." Weiss concentrates her practice in family law, tort, wills and estates, and malpractice.

The Lebanon County Bar Association and WLBR, a local radio station, join forces every year to choose an "Outstanding Senior" from Lebanon County. This year marked the 47th consecutive year the two have sponsored the competition, designed to pay tribute to one senior who has excelled in scholastic achievement, leadership qualities and extra-curricular activities. The winner received a \$1,000 scholarship and a plaque.

Members of the Lebanon County Bar Association Green Team are doing their

part to help keep America, or at least a portion of it in Lebanon County, clean. Members trade in their suits for gloves and safety vests to pick up trash as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program. The association is obligated to clean a two-mile portion of Route. 322, between Quentin and Annville, four times per year.

The Lebanon County Bar Association Law Explorers' co-chair, Andrew Morrow, was presented the William H. Spurgeon III Award, on behalf of the Lebanon County Bar Association, for his work in the Explorer Program, at an award ceremony held by South Central Chapter of Learning for Life. Learning for Life programs help youth develop social and life skills, assist in character and career development, and help youth formulate positive personal values. In its first year, the Law Explorers Post, run by attorneys and one intern, introduced nine high school students to a variety of law related topics and alternative legal professions. The group meets monthly and follows the school calendar year.

Luzerne

The Luzerne County Bar Association Charitable Foundation donated proceeds of its 2008 Annual Autism Golf Classic to the autism program at the John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, which treats autistic children and teenagers, regardless of their families' abilities to pay.

Monroe

The Monroe County Bar Association co-sponsored a dinner with the East Stroudsburg Elks Lodge #319 where Monroe County Sheriff Todd A. Martin was awarded the Elks' 2008 A. Mitchell Palmer award for long-term and significant contributions in the area of law enforcement or community service.

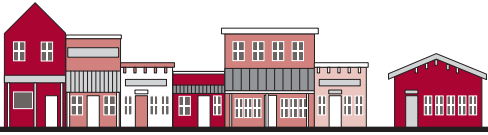
The Monroe County Bar Association sponsored its annual Leges Cup Tournament, which was followed by the summer outing on July 25. Both events took place

at Great Bear Golf and Country Club in East Stroudsburg. Twenty participants, members of MCBA and their guests, took part in the Leges Cup Tournament. Winners of the tournament were Susan Kenny and her father, Al Ihlenfeldt. The summer outing was held later on in the day. Fifty guests attended the dinner, which was accompanied by music provided by Randy Bigness.

Thirty baseball fans, made up of Monroe County Bar Association members and their guests, took in an evening of Triple AAA baseball at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown. MCBA attendees purchased a game ticket and received a discount on food purchased from one of the many vendors in the ballpark.

The Young Lawyers' Division of the Monroe County Bar Association sponsored a free, catered luncheon for its members on Sept. 5, at the Monroe County Bar Center. Members received greetings from YLD President Brandon Reish and from Monroe County Bar Association President Gerard Geiger. The gathering provided an occasion for members to meet and network with each other. Also, guests had an opportunity to present suggestions and ideas about the general direction the YLD should pursue.

The Monroe County Bar Association sponsored its 12th Annual Bench Bar Conference on Sept. 26, at Fernwood Hotel and Resort in Bushkill. Judges and attorneys gathered for CLE seminars. In one of the seminars, Supreme Court Justice J. Michael Eakin gave an informative — and humorous — presentation on brief writing. At the lunchtime meeting, participants listened to the State of the Bar and the State of the Bench and special guest speaker C. Dale McClain, PBA president. The Bench Bar panel discussion, in which the Judiciary of the 43rd Court of Common Pleas participated, was moderated by Gerard Geiger, president of the Monroe County Bar Association. A Vendor Expo was open to participants throughout the day.



Montgomery

On Nov. 6, The Diversity Committee of the Montgomery Bar Association hosted a networking forum/meet and greet cocktail reception for attorneys and law students of diverse backgrounds. This event is just one of several planned to encourage diversity in Montgomery County's law firms by the Diversity Committee.

The Montgomery Bar Association is holding a "Why Vote" YouTube video contest, which carries a \$1,000 cash prize. By encouraging citizens to express their views and ideas about voting, the MBA hopes to increase patriotism and involvement throughout the community.

Schuylkill

The Schuylkill County Bar Association announced the application period for its scholarships to benefit law students from the county. This is the 31st year for the scholarship aid program. Last year, awards were made to 15 law school students.

The Schuylkill County Bar Association held its annual president's dinner and awarded members for 35 years of service.

The Schuylkill County Bar Association recently provided 15 bicycles, several tri-cycles, and helmets to local foster children. The donation was part of the association's Public Relations/Community Development Committee efforts.

Washington

The Washington County Bar Association partnered with the Washington County Community Foundation and the United Way of Washington County to provide a "Law School for Non-Profit Organizations" on Sept. 24. The full-day conference was designed to educate local nonprofit organization staff members, volunteers and board members, as well as attorneys and CPAs, about legal and tax issues. ■

County Bars Join PBA Military and Veterans Affairs Committee in Education Efforts Based on New *Lawyers' Military Desk Reference*

The Pennsylvania Bar Association Military and Veterans Affairs Committee recently hosted a statewide telecast of a CLE program on assisting military personnel with legal needs. The program, titled "Current Military Legal Issues Facing Civilian Attorneys," offered four total CLE credits and was based on the PBA's new *Lawyers' Military Desk Reference*, which constituted the written material for the course.

The reference, available in several formats from the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, has been featured in one-hour CLE sessions for the Washington, Monroe, Lancaster and Wayne County Bars.

The publication is a joint project of the PBA Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee, the Military Affairs Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Trevaskis and Committee members are available to come to county sites to conduct awareness training on this resource, which is being used to help address the legal needs of our Pennsylvania military personnel.

The manual is designed to assist both the lawyer familiar with how a servicemember's status can affect civil and criminal matters and the lawyer who is unfamiliar with these issues. Although not intended to be an all-inclusive resource, the manual serves as an overview of issues such as the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), Veterans' rights and benefits, family law issues, disability



issues and miscellaneous matters affecting military personnel and their families, including traffic law and consumer law issues. In addition, the manual contains a comprehensive resource section containing Web site addresses and points of contact relating to active duty/Reserve, retiree, substance abuse and mental health, Veterans' Affairs and organizations, educational and employment benefits, and a summary of VA benefits for National Guard and Reserve personnel.

The PBA Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee welcomes all attorneys throughout Pennsylvania who are willing to assist servicemembers with legal problems to join the Committee and the Legal Assistance to Military Personnel (LAMP) program by contacting David Trevaskis at david.trevaskis@pabar.org or (800) 932-0311, Ext. 2236. ■

CCBL Needs Your Nominations

ALL NOMINATIONS DUE BY JAN. 20, 2009

CCBL Executive Committee

Each year, one member of the Executive Committee of the Conference of County Bar Leaders fulfills his or her term of office and is replaced by selection. Nominations are sought for candidates whose qualifications must include being a president or past president of a county bar association. **Letters of nomination, or letters requesting consideration for selection, along with a current resume, should be sent by e-mail attachment to michelle.shuker@pabar.org or to Michelle M. Shuker, Esq., Director of County Bar Services, Pennsylvania Bar Association, PO Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186.**

County Bar Recognition Awards

The PBA County Bar Recognition Awards recognize outstanding projects and activities conducted by county bar associations during the 2008 calendar year. This awards program is designed to recognize projects of all county bar associations that in some way contributed to the improvement of the legal profession, the justice system or the community.

Gilbert Nurick Award

The Gilbert Nurick Award signifies outstanding contributions to and leadership in bar activities. The award recognizes a PBA member for dedication to and promotion of the organized bar resulting in improved leadership for incoming bar association officers.

The Chief Justice

John P. Flaherty Award

The CCBL Executive Committee created the Chief Justice John P. Flaherty Award in recognition of the Chief Justice's efforts to encourage the work of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and its Conference of County Bar Leaders. The award is given to a qualified PBA member to recognize an outstanding effort to promote the objects and purposes of the CCBL and to improve the legal profession, the justice system or the community. The award need not be given on an annual basis, but rather when the effort should be recognized.

Arthur J. Birdsall Award

Created by the CCBL Executive Committee, this award is given periodically "to recognize a bar executive who has been a faithful steward of bar traditions, who is committed to the success of his or her bar association, who has enhanced significantly the stature of his or her bar association, who cooperates with other bar executives and bar leaders to make the CCBL the best it can be, and who puts his- or herself second to the needs of the bar association whenever and whatever they may be."

Nomination forms for the CCBL awards will be available online at www.pabar.org/public/localbar/ccbl/home.asp.

All nominations are due by Jan. 20,

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Norristown, Villanova

Annual Disclosure Documents

SIMULCAST – Wed., December 17: 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.; 4 substantive CLE credits

Easton, Greensburg, Wilkes-Barre

Business Divorce

SIMULCAST – Fri., December 19: 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.; 5 substantive/1 ethics CLE credits

Easton, Norristown, Wilkes-Barre

E-Commerce

SIMULCAST – Mon., December 15: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.; 6 substantive CLE credits

Greensburg, Villanova, Warren, Washington, York

Finance & Accounting for Lawyers

SIMULCAST – Thurs., December 18: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 6 substantive CLE credits

Allentown, Bellefonte, Easton, Erie, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Johnstown, Lewisburg, Mansfield, Mill Hall, Montrose, New Castle, Reading, Stroudsburg, Villanova, Warren, Waynesburg, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, York

How to Run a Nonprofit Organization

SIMULCAST - Fri., December 5: 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.; 3 substantive CLE credits

Erie, Greensburg, Mansfield, New Castle, Stroudsburg, Warren, York

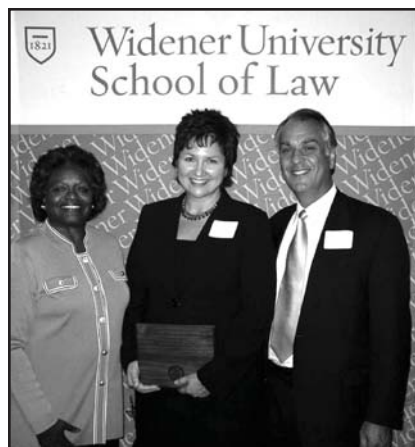
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CCBL Executive Receives Widener Service Award



(left to right) Widener School of Law Dean Linda L. Ammons, Sharon López, Steven P. Barsamian, president of the Widener Law Alumni Board.

The Widener School of Law recently handed out its 2008 alumni awards. One of those awards, the Outstanding Service Award, went to CCBL Executive Committee member Sharon R. López of Lancaster, who is a 1993 graduate of the law school's Harrisburg campus. She is a partner at the Lancaster firm of Deem, Farney & López.

"Whether student, alumni or faculty member, we all understand that when we are called to the practice of law, we must give back," Law Dean Linda L. Ammons said. "Tonight's recognition captures the passion of civic engagement that is known at Widener Law."

The awards were handed out by Steven P. Barsamian '75, president of the Widener Law Alumni Board.

Service awards are granted for outstanding alumni service to the law school as a whole, to a particular concentration within the school, and/or to one's profession where the Widener University School of Law is involved in the service. ■

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Bar Foundation Seeks Nominees for 2009 Louis J. Goffman Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's Louis J. Goffman Awards.

Named in honor of the late PBA past president from Philadelphia, the Louis J. Goffman Awards have been recognizing Pennsylvania's finest pro bono providers for 20 years. The nomination deadline is May 1, 2009, and the awards presentation will take place during the PBA Annual Meeting scheduled for June 2 - 4 at the Hilton Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh. Don't miss your opportunity to nominate a worthy individual, law firm or organization from your county. For additional information and nomination forms visit www.pabarfoundation.org/Programs%20and%20Awards/Louis.aspx. ■

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Nominate Someone You Know

The Pennsylvania Bar Association is seeking nominations for its Child Advocate of the Year Award, sponsored by the Children's Rights Committee, and the A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by the Minority Bar Committee. Details and nomination materials for both awards can be found on the PBA Web site at www.pabar.org



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