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## Lawyer Advertising Campaign Hits Airwaves Statewide

A first-ever statewide lawyer advertising campaign developed by the PBA began hitting television and radio airwaves on April 9 and will continue running into early May. A second campaign will run this fall.

The 30-second “You Have Rights. Lawyers Protect Them.” commercials communicate positive messages about lawyers. The PBA Public Relations Task Force Implementation Committee developed the series of 30-second TV spots highlighting how lawyers protect the rights of the public.

“Our advance showing of these commercials at local stops on the Tour de Pennsylvania last fall garnered widespread praise from PBA members,” said PBA President Kenneth J. Horoho Jr. “The key now is to share these commercials with the public. Our partnership of the PBA, the Pennsylvania Bar Trust, and our county bar associations will allow us to unveil these commercials throughout the state and will help to promote public confidence in our profession.”

The PBA is investing \$400,000 in the two campaigns, an amount that includes a generous grant from the Pennsylvania Bar Trust.

During the annual seminar of the Conference of County Bar Leaders held in February, Horoho strongly encouraged county bar associations to contribute to the campaigns.

At press time, the following counties indicated that they would participate:

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| Allegheny | Indiana    |
| Beaver    | Lawrence   |
| Bucks     | Lycoming   |
| Butler    | Montgomery |
| Cambria   | Mercer     |
| Cameron   | Monroe     |
| Centre    | Pike       |
| Clinton   | Schuylkill |
| Erie      | Washington |

For an investment of \$7 per PBA member, participating local bar associations’ names will be included in the spots and their additional dollars will be used to purchase more commercial time on stations covering participants’ counties. The PBA is working with a professional media buyer to purchase the air time and to secure extras, including Web placements and lawyer interviews, in some media markets. ■

**View the commercials today on the PBA Web site at [www.pabar.org/public/youhaverights.asp](http://www.pabar.org/public/youhaverights.asp).**

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# Philadelphia Bar Exec. Honored at 41st Annual CCBL

On February 23, during the 41st Annual Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) Seminar held at the Hershey Lodge, the CCBL presented Philadelphia Bar Association Executive Director Kenneth Shear with the annual Arthur J. Birdsall Award for Shear's 30 years of service to the legal profession.

The award is presented to a county bar executive who demonstrates professional excellence, who is committed to the success of his or her bar association and who significantly enhances the stature of his or her bar association. The award is named in honor of Arthur J. Birdsall, the PBA's county bar services director who recently retired after nearly 40 years of support to local bar associations.

"This award recognizes leaders of county bar associations whose work surpasses expectations and whose energy and ideas inspire lawyers to better the profession and members to serve the community," said Kenneth J. Horoho Jr., PBA president. "The PBA is pleased to

honor Ken for his outstanding dedication to the legal profession."

Delaware County Bar Association Executive Director Elizabeth C. Price said in her nomination letter that Shear has "improved bar association operations, programs and projects by his never-ending involvement, support and ideas and by his very presence."

Berks County Bar Association Executive Director Barbara Kittrell wrote that Shear keeps the Philadelphia Bar Association "on the cutting edge of innovations and technology" and routinely shares his knowledge to benefit other bar association executives.

In addition, Alan M. Feldman, chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, wrote that Shear "remains as devoted and enthusiastic about his job and the Philadelphia Bar Association as he was when he started" and that "his professionalism is unequalled."

Shear participates in the Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives and the



*CCBL President Alfred Jones Jr. (at left) presents the Arthur J. Birdsall Award to Philadelphia Bar Association Executive Director Kenneth Shear.*

National Association of Bar Executives. He is a past liaison member to the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and served on the PBA Professional Liability Committee.

*See Page 5 for a list of County Bar Recognition Awards presented at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual CCBL. ■*

## Photo Highlights from the 41st Annual Seminar of the Conference of County Bar Leaders, Hershey



*Friday night's dinner was a time to unwind and socialize with colleagues from across the commonwealth.*



*The Networking Breakfast Roundtable Discussions were arranged by topic this year and elicited lively conversations.*

*View more photos from the 41st Annual Seminar of the CCBL by clicking on the link for the 2007 CCBL Photo Album at [www.pabar.org/public/localbar/ccblhome.asp](http://www.pabar.org/public/localbar/ccblhome.asp)*

# Photo Highlights from the 41st Annual Seminar of the Conference of County Bar Leaders, Hershey



*(from left) PBA MIS Director Al Trosky, and Bar Association Executive Directors Nancy Paul (Montgomery), Ken Shear (Philadelphia) and Becky Morgenthal (Cumberland County) were part of the technology program.*



*(from left) Terry Weiler moderated a session with PBA Vice President Dale McClain, President-Elect Andy Susko and President Ken Horoho.*



*The session on Avoiding Legal Malpractice Claims once again drew a large audience.*



*Michele Dawson of the CCBL Executive Committee, and Diane Krivoniak, executive director, Westmoreland Bar Association, were panelists for the session titled “Optimizing CLE Credits You Can Offer to Your Members.”*



*Outgoing CCBL President Al Jones Jr. and Incoming President Terry Weiler exchange the president’s gavel.*



*(from left) Sam Cooper (CCBL Executive Committee), Karen Jackson Vaughn (Saul Ewing), Franklin A. Miles Jr. (HERCO), Ev Sullivan (Lancaster Bar Association) and Carl Cooper (K&LNG) were on the panel for the session titled “Diversity: Pipeline Programs for Potential Lawyers.”*



# CCBL Executive Committee Adds Members

Sharon R. López and Colleen M. Neary have been elected to the CCBL Executive Committee.

Sharon concentrates her legal practice in the areas of employment law and policy, civil rights litigation and appeals. For over 20 years, Sharon has worked to improve social conditions, initially as a community activist and social worker, and then as an attorney.

Her legal career began in the early 1990s, representing clients in domestic violence cases, custody and divorce. As a senior staff attorney with Central PA Legal Services (now MidPenn Legal Services) in Lancaster, she also handled welfare cases and unemployment matters. In 1999, she became the first Pennsylvania senior attorney for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Her accomplishments included advocacy with the Ridge administration for funding to support a statewide network of civil legal attorneys to better serve survivors of domestic violence. She also conceptualized and supervised the production of a bench book for Pennsylvania judges on domestic violence legal issues. Sharon has led workshops through the American

Bar Association, and the national Battered Women's Justice Project, and has published material with the law review for legal services attorneys.

Sharon is a principal founder and shareholder of Deem, Farney & López Law Offices. She is a 1993 graduate of the Widener University School of Law, and holds a B.A. from Eastern Mennonite College in sociology and Spanish, with minors in peace and justice theology. She is a member of the Lancaster Bar Association, the PBA, the National Employment Lawyers Association, and the National Police Accountability Project. She is admitted to practice in the Pennsylvania courts, the federal courts (Middle and Eastern District) and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Colleen is a partner in the firm of Sweeney & Neary, L.L.P. She has been an active member of the Delaware County Bar Association and the PBA since her admission in 1991. She is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and limits her practice to family law. Colleen is a graduate of Villanova University of Law and a 1988 graduate of the University of Scranton. She is admitted to practice in the U.S.

Supreme Court, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Courts.

She was the fifth woman and youngest lawyer to serve as the president of the Delaware County Bar Association. The recipient of many awards in recognition of her substantial contributions in elevating the standard and advancing the cause of matrimonial law, Colleen co-authored a computerized support program published for attorney use and drafted a Child Custody Mediation Program approved by the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas for use in child custody cases.

The Delaware County Court of Common Pleas appointed Colleen to the Qualification and Advisory Committee for Custody Mediators, the Civil Justice Advisory Committee, and the County's Pro Se Committee.

She has been a lecturer of Family Law in Delaware County Domestic Relations, Newman College, Villanova Law School CLE Board, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the American Bar Association and other numerous professional and civil associations. ■

# Lebanon County Bar Opens First Office; Hires First Staff

The Lebanon County Bar Association (LCBA) has hired its first office staff person. Dena Woelfling joined the LCBA as a part-time administrative assistant. Her hiring was in conjunction with the opening of the first Lebanon County Bar Association office. Chartered in 1908, the Lebanon County Bar Association has been operating without staff or a permanent home since its inception. Until now, all bar association functions were performed out of the office of the bar association president.

Prior to joining the LCBA, Dena was a legal secretary and a title abstractor. Before coming to the law, she did public relations and event planning and promotion.

"Dena has taken to the job, working enthusiastically to assist the LCBA in becoming more visible in the local community and enabling it to function in a manner that provides greater assistance to the surrounding community," said LCBA

president Loreen Burkett.

"Opening an office and obtaining support staff is a much needed step in forward progress for the bar association," said Loreen.

The bar association offers a variety of programs and legal services to the public. In addition to those coordinated through committees and the membership, the bar cooperates with many community organizations to help ensure that all citizens have equal access to justice. The Lawyer Referral Program allows prospective clients to be referred to an attorney for representation and have legal questions answered. The Speakers' Bureau provides free programs on law-related topics.

"The association has worked diligently in the past year to be able to provide these services to the community and be able to expand our community outreach," said Loreen. "I am hopeful the public will take



(from left) PBA President Ken Horoho, Dena Woelfling, Loreen Burkett and CCBL President Al Jones show off the LCBA's County Bar Recognition Award.

advantage of the additional services previously unavailable to county residents." ■

The Lebanon County Bar Association is now located at 242 South 8th St., Lebanon, PA 17042. Phone (717) 273-3113.

# County Bar Efforts Awarded at 41st Annual CCBL

The Pennsylvania Bar Association presented County Bar Recognition awards during the 41st Annual Seminar of the CCBL in Hershey. Twenty-four local bar associations were honored this year for sponsoring projects that work to improve the legal profession, justice system or community. The awards, which are non-competitive in nature, are sponsored annually by the PBA.

“The outstanding efforts of Pennsylvania lawyers to better their communities and the legal system deserve to be properly recognized,” said PBA President Kenneth J. Horoho Jr. “It is our hope that the County Bar Recognition awards encourage more legal professionals to take part in community and educational activities.”

The following bar associations received awards for notable projects and programs:

**Allegheny County Bar Association:**  
Loan Repayment Assistance Program

**Berks County Bar Association:**  
Lawyer Retreat with Continuing Legal Education Seminars

**Bucks County Bar Association:**  
Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

**Cambria County Bar Association:**  
Identity Theft Awareness Project

**Centre County Bar Association:**  
Bench Bar Day Film Program and Reception, Law Day and Mock Trial Competition

**Chester County Bar Association:**  
Access to Social Justice Supplement and CCBA Web Site

**Cumberland County Bar Association:**  
Florian Project, Young Lawyers Division Casino Night and Partners Program

**Dauphin County Bar Association:**  
Women Lawyers as Leaders Seminar Series, Capital Area Managing Partners 1L Summer Intern Program and Pro Bono for Nonprofit Initiative

**Delaware County Bar Association:**  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee’s Voluntary Settlement Program and Criminal Trial Practices Committee/Sub-Committee’s Indigent Defense Program Reforms

**Erie County Bar Association:**  
Law Day Run

**Franklin County Bar Association:**  
*Pro Se* Divorce Clinic and Members Resource Committee

**Lackawanna Bar Association:**  
25th Annual Bench Bar Conference, Young Lawyers Division’s St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen Host for a Day Outreach and “Freedom Rider to Courtroom Fighter” Symposium

**Lancaster Bar Association:**  
Computer Lab

**Lebanon County Bar Association:**  
Distinguished Bar Member Dinner

**Bar Association of Lehigh County:**  
Holiday Assistance Program

**Lycoming Law Association:**  
Lawtoberfest, Law Day 2006 and Superior Court Banquet, and Community Activities and Outreach Committee and LLA Foundation Grants

**Monroe County Bar Association:**  
Monroe County Bar Foundation’s Warm Holidays for Children Project, Public Forum on Identity Theft and Relay for Life

**Montgomery Bar Association:**  
“Immigration: The Real Issues Behind the Headlines” Public Symposium, Forward Focus Survey and Long-Range Plan and Inaugural Solo and Small Firm Practice Institute

**Northampton County Bar Association:**  
2006 Bench/Bar Conference, “How to be a Good Citizen” Contest and Law Day

**Northumberland County Bar Association:**  
Contributions to Renovations for Courtroom Number 2

**Schuylkill County Bar Association:**  
Memorial Service, President’s Dinner and Law Day – Stepping Out Presentations

**Washington County Bar Association:**  
Young Lawyer Division (YLD) Miniature Golf and Wine and Beer Tasting Tournament, YLD Disaster Victim Resource Guide and New Bar Headquarters

**Westmoreland Bar Association:**  
Young Lawyers’ Family Activities and E-Letter

**Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association:**  
Judge Jonathan J. Wright Special Lifetime Admission Ceremony, Dedication of the Max Rosenn Memorial Library and Religious Outreach Committee



# On the *Local Scene*...

## **Beaver**

The Beaver County Bar Association sponsored its 2007 Mock Trial Competition in February. More than 80 association members volunteered to coordinate, plan, advise and participate as jurors. Students from eight Beaver County schools argued their cases before a panel of volunteer jurors. The 2007 county finalists were from New Brighton High School and Quigley Catholic High School.

## **Bradford**

The Bradford County Bar Association held a memorial service for David B. Keefe, who was president of the bar association when he and his wife, Carol, were shot and killed in their home in November.

The association continues to collect donations to increase the reward being offered for help with the arrest and conviction of whoever is responsible for the killings. The association recently received contributions from the Waverly (New York) Teachers Association, where several of Carol Keefe's relatives and friends are members, and from Athens Township, helping the fund toward its goal of \$100,000. The fund is in addition to the reward being offered by Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers.

## **Bucks**

The Bucks County Bar Association presented its Mark E. Goldberg Award to Morrisville Attorney Robert A. Badman for his volunteer service to the Bucks County Opportunity Council, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping low-income people achieve and maintain economic self-sufficiency.

## **Chester**

The Chester County Bar Association honored their 2006 president, Bruce W. Laverly, at a celebration held at Longwood Gardens. Laverly was awarded a Pennsylvania Senate Citation by Sen. Andy Dinniman. John F. McKenna received the Board of Directors Award, while David Outtrim was presented the Access to Justice Award. The Pro Bono Award was given to

John B. (Jock) Hannum, and the YLD Public Service Award was presented to Patrick M. McKenna. CCBA Executive Director Wendy Hoffman received the 2006 President's Award. Attendees included representatives of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Delaware County Bar Association, Montgomery County Bar Association, Bucks County Bar Association and USI Colburn Insurance.

The board of directors of the Chester County Bar Association attended their annual board retreat at the Hotel Du Pont in Wilmington, Del., Jan. 18 and 19. This year's president, Dave Bortner, indicated he will focus his efforts on the "bricks and mortar" of the bar association, i.e. the use of the association's building. Two architectural firms presented recommendations as to the best way to maximize both the bar association space as well as the tenant space available in the four-floor building. A presentation by Malcolm Johnstone, executive director of the West Chester Business Improvement District, related to the vibrant economic health of the borough. A taskforce headed by CCBA Secretary Lance Nelson will analyze the data gained at the retreat.

## **Cumberland**

The Cumberland County Bar Association is ready to launch its own ADR Program to the public. "After two years of planning and re-organizing, we are ready to go," says Grace D'Alo, ADR chair.

The Cumberland County Bar Foundation is preparing a CCBA pictorial directory. They are also redesigning the Foundation brochure, which should be ready by spring. The Foundation will host a reception for 40-50-year members in October.

## **Dauphin**

The annual Dauphin County Bar Association Membership Meeting was held at the National Civil War Museum on Jan. 24, and featured a presentation by the Young Lawyers Section of the Angelo Skarlatos Award to Past President John B.

Mancke for his support to the section. Mancke is the first two-time recipient of this award in its 26-year history. The Equal Professional Opportunity Committee presented the Hon. Clarence C. Morrison Diversity Award to Franklin A. Miles Jr. for his efforts to promote diversity in the local legal community, and the Public Service Committee presented its Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award to John W. Frommer. Additionally, author (and *Pennsylvania Lawyer* Editorial Director) Donald Sarvey discussed the drafts of his new book, *The History of Law and Lawyers In Dauphin County*, which was commissioned by the Dauphin County Bar Foundation.

More than 200 people attended the annual DCBA President's Dinner Dance on February 3 in honor of Outgoing President Thomas P. Gacki. The affair, featuring a reception, dinner, live band, and *après* party festivities, is one of the more popular bar association social events of the year.

Roughly half of the 435 participants in the Dauphin County Bar Association Pro Bono Program attended a reception in their honor on February 21. Program participants received a certificate and a special edition recognition coffee mug, and will each have their names inscribed on the Bar Association Pro Bono Honor Roll throughout 2007.

The DCBA interviewed over 50 first-year law students for the second annual Capital Area Managing Partners (CAMP) 1L minority summer internship program. Fifteen students were chosen for the program, which runs June 4 to July 27.

## **Fayette**

The Fayette County Bar Association sponsored a holiday event to benefit the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Drive.



The Fayette County Bar Association has underwritten a project to adorn the county courthouse with pictures of the county's past judges. For all but two judges — the first two, who served in the 1700s and 1800s — names and service dates have been identified and prints or photos have been located, cleaned and restored, framed and hung in the second-floor courthouse hallway, near four of the five courtrooms.

### **Lancaster**

The Lancaster Bar Association issued an invitation for students interested in joining its 2007 Law Exploring Program, which is open to students between the ages of 14 and 20 who are interested in learning more about law careers.

### **Lower Luzerne**

The Lower Luzerne County Bar Association met with the Penn State Alumni Association, the Thon Committee of Penn State Hazleton and the American Red Cross to plan a blood drive.

### **Lycoming**

The Lycoming Law Association held its annual meeting in January. PBA President Ken Horoho was the keynote speaker and was introduced by PBA Immediate Past President Bill Carlucci. Horoho spoke on the importance of pro bono, and complimented LLA members on their track record of participation in local pro bono efforts. Horoho reviewed several initiatives to improve the level of legal services to the less fortunate and pleaded for additional support for the PBA's Political Action Committee (PABAR-PAC) to allow the PBA to continue to lobby in Harrisburg for issues of importance to lawyers.

### **Monroe**

The Monroe County Bar Association held a holiday party for children and families served by Monroe County Children and Youth Services, including children in foster care. Gifts for the children were donated by members of the MCBA.

### **Montgomery**

The Montgomery Bar Association has made its 2006-07 Montgomery County Elder Law Handbook available to the public free of charge. The handbook offers basic information and services and outlines areas that may require legal advice. Because of the many changes that have taken place in both federal and Pennsylvania law regarding senior citizens, the Elder Law Committee of the MBA has updated the handbook each year since it first was published in 2000.

### **Northampton**

The Young Lawyer Division of the Northampton County Bar Association is in the process of revitalizing its mission and promoting camaraderie within the organization. Daniel O'Donnell, chair of the YLD, is organizing the young attorneys to participate in Lehigh Valley community activities.

Several YLD attorneys formed a team to participate in "Walk for a Healthy Community." The 5K walk benefits the local community and encourages walkers to contribute donations to any of 10 different local charities. This particular Walk allowed YLD members, family and friends to participate as a team while at the same time letting each person support the charity of his or her choice.

In November, YLD members partnered with the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley and local colleges to help with the "Holiday Hope Chests" program, a national project to help less fortunate children. The "chests" or shoeboxes were filled with small gifts, school supplies and personal care items and then distributed throughout the holiday season through agencies serving children in the Lehigh Valley.

### **Warren**

The Warren County Bar Association beat the Warren County Board of Realtors in a "Battle of the Bells" fundraiser challenge for the Warren Salvation Army.

### **Wilkes-Barre/Luzerne**

In December, the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association/Luzerne County Bar Association held a special courtroom ceremony honoring Jonathan Jasper Wright and posthumously admitted Wright as a lifetime member of the WBLLA. Born in Luzerne County in 1840, Wright was the son of runaway slaves. His original admission to the bar was blocked by state bar examiners who refused to let him take the bar exam, presumably because of his race. As a result, Wright left Luzerne County and Pennsylvania. Wright did renew his request following the Civil War and, in 1866, he became the first African-American lawyer to be licensed in Pennsylvania. However, Wright was living in South Carolina at the time. He was later elected to its state Senate and would become the first African-American appellate judge in the country. The WBLLA held this special public ceremony to correct a wrong that was done decades earlier. The ceremony also featured presentations by speakers from the legal community and cultural and educational organizations.

Judge Correale Stevens of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania was the keynote speaker for a meeting of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association/Luzerne County Bar Association. Judge Stevens spoke about appellate practice before the Superior Court.

Wilkes-Barre Attorney Richard M. Goldberg was presented with the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association/Luzerne County Bar Association's President's Award, the highest honor an association member can receive from the association. The award is reserved for a lawyer or judge who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in law at the local, state and national level; has been involved in civil organizations and groups working to improve the community and whose daily law practice or administration demonstrates the ideals of civility, collegiality and highest standards of the profession. ■



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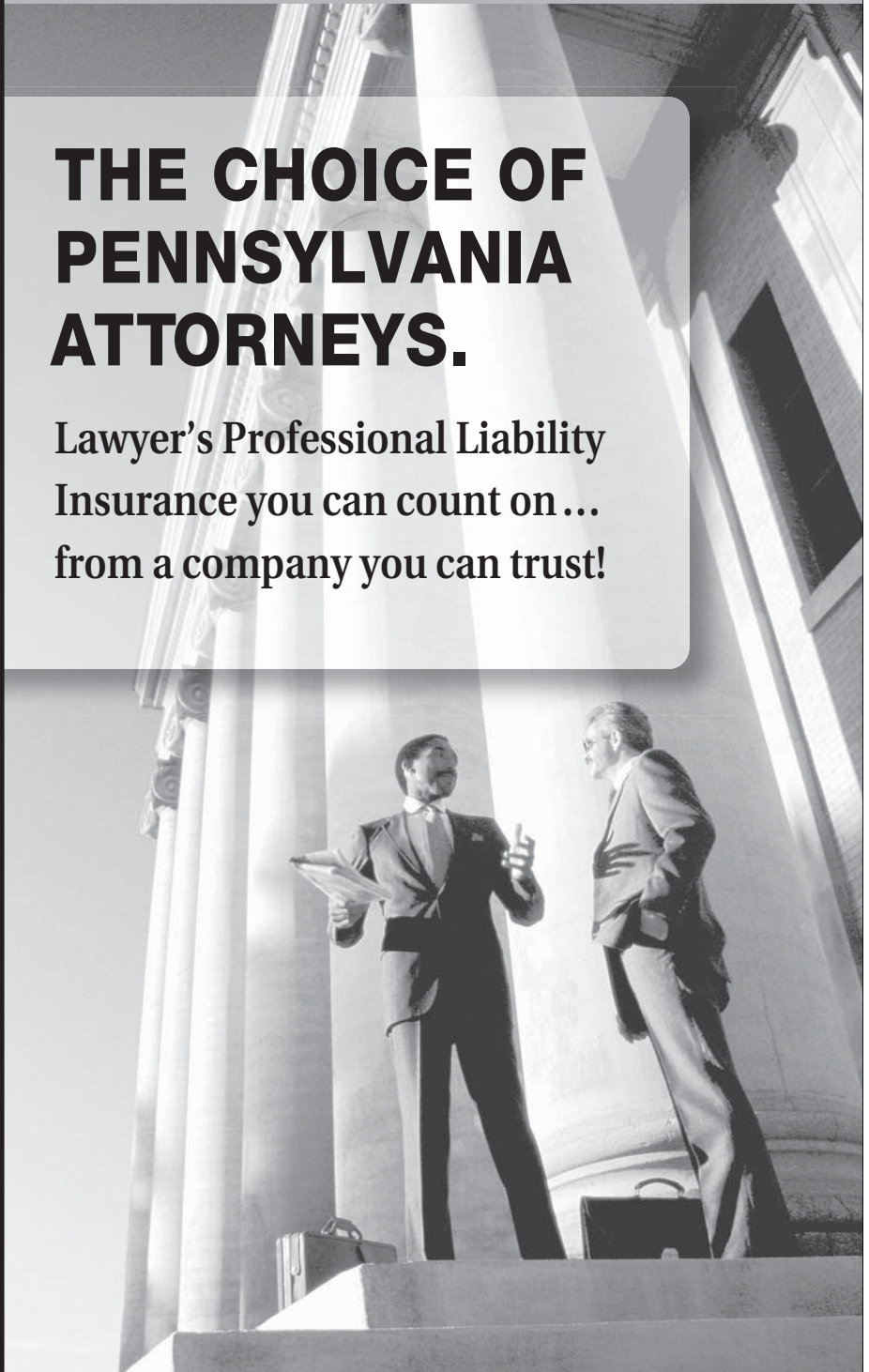
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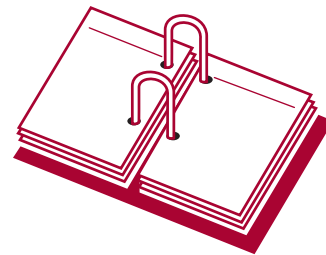
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## Mark Your Calendars:



### **Day on the Hill**

Capitol Building, Harrisburg

April 24, 2007

noon-5:30 p.m.

Followed by a reception at the  
Rotunda at 5:30 p.m.

### **PBA Committee/Section Day**

April 25, 2007

Radisson Penn Harris Hotel &  
Convention Center, Camp Hill

### **PBA Outreach to Children Summit**

May 25, 2007

Hilton Harrisburg, Harrisburg

### **PBA Annual Meeting**

June 20-22, 2007

Sheraton Philadelphia City  
Center Hotel, Philadelphia

### **PBA Law Day Kickoff**

April 29

*More information available at  
www.pabar.org or by calling  
the PBA at (800) 932-0311.*

# Courses from the Pennsylvania Bar Institute

Here is a listing of courses being offered by 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](http://www.pbi.org).

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## Allentown

**Judge Bernstein Presents Evidence Through the Movies with Larry Bendsky**, Apr. 19; noon to 3:15 p.m.; registration at 11:15 a.m.; 3 substantive CLE credits

**Strategies for Success: Opening**, May 18; 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; registration at 8:00 a.m.; 2 CLE credits (1.5 substantive/.5 ethics)

**Strategies for Success: Closing**, May 18; 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; registration at 10:30 a.m.; 2 CLE credits (1.5 substantive/.5 ethics)

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## Bethlehem

**Family Law: A View from the Bench: Preparation-Procedure-Professionalism**, Apr. 25; 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; registration at 8:00 a.m.; 4 CLE credits (3 substantive/1\* ethics) \*Must attend entire program to receive ethics credit.

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## Hershey

**Municipal Law Colloquium**, Apr. 13; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; registration at 7:30 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics) and Apr. 14; 8:30 a.m. to noon; registration at 7:30 a.m.; 3 substantive CLE credits

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## Kingston

**Live via Videoconference – Winning Before Trial: 10 Keys to Winning Depositions**, Apr. 13; 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; registration at 8:00 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics)

## Malvern

**Use of Trusts in Estate Planning – Basic and Intermediate Trusts**, Apr. 27; 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; registration at 8:00 a.m.; 4 substantive CLE credits

**Use of Trusts in Estate Planning – Sophisticated**, Apr. 27; 1:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.; registration at 1:00 p.m.; 3 substantive CLE credits

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## Scranton

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# New Bar Assn. Executive Director in Lehigh County



Dan LaBert

Dan LaBert is the new executive director of the Bar Association of Lehigh County (BALC). He brings over 10 years experience in management and public relations from the non-profit sector.

Prior to joining BALC, Dan was senior director of public relations and advertising for WLVT-PBS 39 in Bethlehem. While there, he oversaw the Public Relations, Programming and Information Technology Departments. He provided leadership and direction, built partnerships with the

community and handled all marketing and PR efforts.

Before joining WLVT-PBS 39, Dan served in a variety of positions for the Leadership Institute, a nonprofit political training organization in the Washington, DC area. He was responsible for leading five divisions within the company. Highlights include increasing overall membership of the organization and training seminar participants by more than 40 percent. Dan also trained more than 9,000 Leadership Institute members, including 1,000 elected officials.

Dan also spent time in the political arena. He has appeared on MSNBC, Fox News Channel, CNN, MTV and Comcast

Sports advocating a variety of national issues. In 2001, his activism went to Europe where he organized and directed an international event that advocated the U.S. position on global warming in conjunction with the White House.

A graduate of Penn State University, Dan earned a B.A. in political science. Before transferring to Penn State, Dan attended the University of Buffalo on a full athletic scholarship in football. In 2002, Dan launched his own weekly television show and Web site that focused on fantasy football. He now appears on a show called Pro Football Plus, as well as his own radio show on ESPN affiliate WPPA 1360. ■

## Reception Honors Retiring Bar Association Executive

*By Becky H. Morgenthal,  
Executive Director/Inn Administrator,  
Cumberland County Bar Association*

The Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives (PABE) had a retirement reception for Marianne Canning, executive director of the Bar Association of Lehigh County at CCBL on Feb. 23. Marianne was at the helm of the Bar Association of Lehigh County for over 21 years and was a past president of PABE. Marianne received a framed picture of many of her fellow PABE members and two gift certificates. On behalf of her fellow PABE friends, we wish her well in her new endeavors — one of which is contemplating law school. Someday Marianne could join the Bar Association of Lehigh County and come back to CCBL as a bar president! Best Wishes. ■



*Becky H. Morgenthal (at left) congratulates Marianne Canning on Canning's retirement as executive director of the Bar Association of Lehigh County.*

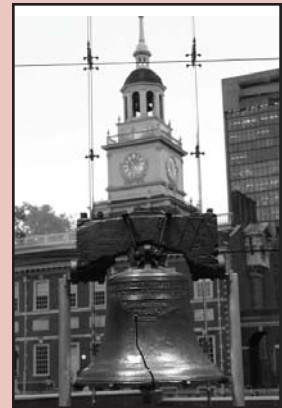


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Bar Association of Lehigh County Headquarters, 1114 Walnut St., Allentown

## DAUPHIN

April 13, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Dauphin County Bar Association,  
213 N. Front St. Harrisburg

## WAYNE

April 16, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Wayne County Courthouse,  
925 Court St., Honesdale

## LACKAWANNA - NOTE LOCATION CHANGE!

April 17, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Scranton Hilton,  
100 Adams Ave., Scranton

## PIKE

April 17, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Best Western Inn at Hunt's Landing,  
120 Routes 6 and 209, Matamoras

## MONROE

April 18, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Monroe County Bar Association,  
13 E. Main St., Stroudsburg

## CARBON

April 18, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Inn at Jim Thorpe, 24 Broadway,  
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## LANCASTER

April 23, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Lancaster Bar Association,  
28 E. Orange St., Lancaster

## NORTHAMPTON

May 17, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Best Western, Routes 512 & 22,  
Bethlehem

## MONTGOMERY

June 5, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Montgomery Bar Assn. Headquarters,  
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