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State and Local Bar Associations Celebrate Law Month

During the month of May, county bar associations across the state, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Bar Association, celebrated the annual statewide coordinated Law Month effort titled "Celebrate Your Freedom: Rights + Responsibilities = Freedom." Local bar associations conducted a myriad of community outreach events, bringing together judges, lawyers and educators to help children learn how their rights and responsibilities truly "equal" our country's freedom.

"As legal professionals, it's our duty to help educate children about their legal rights and responsibilities in the new millennium," PBA President H. Reginald Belden Jr. said. "By drawing attention to the law in a fun and informative manner through this program, we hope to help teachers and students recognize the need to continue law-related educational efforts in the future."

Local bar associations partnering in the statewide celebration included: Berks County Bar Association; Blair County Bar Association; Bradford County Bar Association; Centre County Bar Association; Clearfield County Bar Association; Crawford County Bar Association; Dauphin County Bar Association; Delaware County Bar Association; Erie County Bar Association; Franklin County Bar Association; Greene County Bar Association; Lawrence County Bar Association; Luzerne County Bar Association; Mercer County Bar Association;

Monroe County Bar Association; Montgomery Bar Association; Northampton County Bar Association; Schuylkill County Bar Association; Somerset County Bar Association;



Washington County Bar Association; Westmoreland Bar Association; and York County Bar Association.

Law Month activities across the state were varied and innovative. Individual county bar association activities are detailed in the "Local Scene" section of this newsletter, beginning on page 4. □

CCBL Creates Justice Flaherty Award



New CCBL Award: Members of the Conference of County Bar Leaders Executive Committee joined then-PBA President Marvin Lieber in conferring the first Chief Justice John P. Flaherty Award on Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice John P.

Flaherty at the PBA House of Delegates meeting in May. The award recognizes outstanding efforts to promote the objects and purposes of the Conference of County Bar Leaders, to improve the legal profession, the justice system or the community. □

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2001 Labor-Management Conference

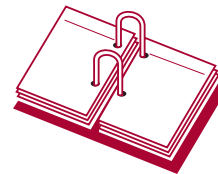
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PBA Midyear Meeting

January 22-27, 2002

Fiesta Americana Condesa
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36th Annual Seminar of the Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL)

March 1 & 2, 2002

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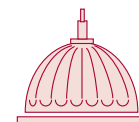
PA Lawyer to Promote Local Bar Traditions

Most county bar associations have special traditions — ceremonies, awards, events, community projects — designed to celebrate the profession, cement camaraderie, single out special achievement or burnish the image of lawyers.

The Pennsylvania Lawyer would like to hear from you about the most successful, interesting and fun traditions your bar maintains from year to year, so they can spotlight a sampling of these traditions in an upcoming issue of *The Pennsylvania Lawyer* magazine.

Send a letter or e-mail describing in detail the traditions that have special meaning for your members.

E-mail: editor@pabar.org or send mail to: Editorial Director, *The Pennsylvania Lawyer*, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186. Please get in touch before Dec. 1. □



Legislative Update:

Early Warning Regarding Sunshine Act

The PBA Legislative Department has issued an early warning to all county bar presidents, executive directors and secretaries regarding pending legislation, Senate Bill 770. Under current law, notice of public meetings under the Sunshine Act are required to be published in newspapers of general circulation and legal journals. SB 770 would do away with the requirement of publishing notices in legal journals. The bill passed the Senate 47-0 on May 7 and is currently in the House State Government Committee.

For more information, call PBA Legislative Liaison Peter Pokorny at 800-932-0311, X2246. □

How to ... Seize the Future, *Part 5 of a Series*

Submitted to the PBA by Maryland State Bar Association President James L. Thompson and excerpted from his notes on the November 1999 "Seize the Future" conference co-produced by the ABA Law Practice Management Section and Lotus Development Corporation.

Gary Hamel is a research fellow at the Harvard Business School and at Stanford as well. He is also chairman of Strategos, a company dedicated to helping clients emerge in the new technology. He is one of the world's great strategy gurus and he has written several best-selling books.

Change in this age of the Internet is exponential. The opportunity is there and then it is gone.

- Heritage is no longer destiny.
- A new industrial order is taking shape all around us. Never before has incumbency meant less. All corporations are struggling to survive. Never has it been a better time to be a newcomer since all the old barriers are being swept away by the Net, including capitalization, size, investors, etc.
- The battle today is for "talent." The process. The bright unconventional young leaders first take their talent elsewhere then develop an e-business, then the e-business takes assets from the incumbent businesses, then eventually it takes the business altogether. Consider how e-Bay took over Butterfields, a major auction house.
- The newcomers are aggressive. They live on a precipice and failure is only two years away.
- The incumbents or existing businesses tell themselves little lies. For example, "Insurance is very complex. I think people will always need agents." The Net has proved that wrong and the incumbents will gradually lose their business. Consider Deja.com — here you can get a rate on any product or service. It is a consumer-to-consumer chat room. Also see "word of mouse."
- Consumer control is the theme of the new age. This applies to lawyers.

No longer are there stupid customers or local monopolies that will allow yesterday's firms to dominate.

• **Main Point:** In order for service firms like lawyers to compete, we need a relationship with the client and innovation. That wins. In perfect competition, no one makes any profit. What does this lead to? First those new competitors will take our clients, then our talent and finally our assets.

• Effective sellers are selling solutions. Consumers want to buy a result. Apply this to the legal field.

Question: A consumer wants a divorce, a will. Can these services be commoditized and sold on the Net?

• We need to look at our situation with a new level of honesty. If we look at events through the legacy we already have, then we tend to be protective and that is dangerous. Protective barriers cannot be erected and are not effective in the new age of the internet. Even state borders and local regulatory environments are becoming irrelevant. E-business will walk around them.

Note: Watch the accountants.

• Because of the urge to be protective, the incumbents (the existing businesses) will almost always lose. The newcomers (the pure-play techies) will win by changing the rules, not necessarily executing better.

• Who is driving the transformation agenda in law? Our firm, our bar, the CPAs, who?

Note: This is an area the [bar associations] must carefully consider.

• We need to ask first principles and get over denial. We need to change our deepest philosophical beliefs. New wealth is being created by new radical ideas, e.g. the bank's mergers do nothing since savings is not something which the consumers now buy. Mutual funds (investment) is the winner in that race.

• Profitability does not correlate with size. The mega-mergers are a big mistake.

• **Main Issue:** How can we reduce the cost of getting access to the law?

• The doctors made a fundamental error. They allowed the payors/insurance companies to get in the driver's seat and to move the medical profession into the future to drive the transformation agenda. Now the insurance companies are setting up the system with capitation risks and health care rationing all to the detriment of the doctors. They are in the driver's seat and the doctors simply dance to their tune.

Lawyers cannot allow this to happen. We need to come up with a pro-consumer agenda and get in front of the change curve.

Main Issue: How should the practice of law change to take advantage of the rapidly changing world?

- We need a "point of view." Some consensus.
- We need to separate form from function. We lawyers trap ourselves inside of form and that is a mistake.
- We need to build foresight. □

Look for "Seize the Future" Part 6 in the September 2001 issue of *The County Line*.

Send Us Your News

To submit news for *The County Line*, please use the enclosed "News and Views" form or contact PBA County Bar Services Director Arthur Birdsall at (800) 932-0311, ext. 2218; write at Arthur Birdsall, PBA, PO Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108; or e-mail Arthur.Birdsall@pabar.org.

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On the *Local Scene...*



Allegheny County attorneys answer law-related questions from KDKA viewers.

Allegheny

Attorneys Take to the Phones

For the 17th consecutive year, the phone lines at KDKA-TV were filled with calls for the “KD & You & the Law” program. More than 150 attorneys answered phones and provided basic legal advice to callers during the event, which has become one of the most successful public relations programs sponsored by the Allegheny County Bar Association. The participating attorneys, who are instructed to remain anonymous and who are not expected to give detailed legal advice, received more than 2,000 calls during the program. ACBA President-Elect Amy Greer and President Edwin Klett spoke live during the afternoon and evening broadcasts respectively.

“Ask the Attorney” event

The North Hills Practitioners Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association, in cooperation with North Hills Community Outreach, recently sponsored an “Ask the Attorney” event. Qualifying area residents received a free 30-minute consultation with an association attorney to discuss legal issues including credit and consumer issues, family law and bankruptcy.

Beaver

Judicial Evaluations Conducted

As a voters’ aid, the Beaver County Bar Association conducted county judicial evaluations before the primary elections. All bar members were mailed ballots and were asked to rate

candidates either highly recommended, recommended, not recommended, or to return a “no opinion.” Results were released to the *Beaver County Times* and were published as newspaper advertisements.

PBA Joins BCBA in Recognitions

The Pennsylvania Bar Association recently followed the Beaver County Bar Association in recognizing Beaver Falls attorney Joseph A. Askar for his public service in the county. Askar was recognized for his donation of free legal services to indigent clients, many of whom were referred to him through programs sponsored by the Beaver County Bar Association and Neighborhood Legal Services Association.

Bucks

Merit Selection Results Released

The Bucks County Bar Association recently released the results of their Merit Selection process in which, by secret ballot, local lawyers rated candidates for county judge. In past years, the Doylestown-based group released only the recommendations of a select committee, which relied on the plebiscite and interviews with the candidates to reach a decision. This year the process was expanded to include a public forum where the press and lawyers were free to ask questions. It is also the first time the members’ votes, by number, were made public.

Carbon

Retiring Judge Honored

The Carbon County Bar Association recently hosted an event to mark the retirement of Senior Judge John P. Lavelle. Lavelle was recognized for this long and distinguished career of public service in his capacity as county solicitor and president judge. He has served on the Carbon County bench for over 23 years, making him the longest-serving president judge in the history of the county.

Law Day Mock Trial

The Carbon County Bar Association conducted its annual Law Day program by hosting students from seven area high schools for presentations by attorneys and judges and with a mock trial presented by association members and local police officers.

The Carbon County Bar Association recently awarded two \$500 scholarships to graduates of Lehigh Area High School.

Chester

PBA Exec Judges Mock Trial

The Chester County Bar Association, the Chester County Bar Foundation and the Chester County Intermediate Unit provided a legal education mock trial program to Ss. Philip and James School in Exton in May. Former Pennsylvania Bar Association President Lou Teti played the role of judge, while 80 students played other roles in the mock civil case.

Cumberland

Association Marks 100 Years

The Cumberland County Bar Association celebrated its centennial on May 17 with a gala at the West Shore Country Club in Camp Hill.

Pro Bono Award Presented

In recognition of his generously providing legal services to people in need, Shippensburg attorney David P. Perkins has been presented with the Cumberland County Bar Association’s annual pro bono award.

Columbia/Montour

Scholarship Awarded

The Columbia/Montour County Bar Association awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Berwick senior Jennifer Green. The award was presented at the high school’s annual academic awards assembly.



Dauphin

“Preguntas a los abogados”

For the first time, the annual Dauphin County Bar Association Law Week “Ask-A-Lawyer” Information Booth located in the Strawberry Square office and shopping complex included Spanish-speaking attorneys to answer questions. A number of Spanish-language legal pamphlets were made available as well as separate Spanish-language signs. Bilingual “Ask-A-Lawyer” counseling was also held at the Mt. Pleasant Hispanic Center in Harrisburg. Law Day 2001 Committee Chair Lenore Cameron and member Robert Torres were instrumental in organizing this additional community service.

Volunteer Recognized with Award

The Dauphin County Bar Association named Melvin T. Johnson winner of the 2001 Liberty Bell Award. The association presents the annual award to an outstanding citizen who is actively involved in volunteer service. Johnson serves as an active regional housing advocate and official of the Harrisburg Fair Housing Council.

Delaware

Law Day Awards Presented

The Delaware County Bar Association and Delaware County Court of Common Pleas celebrated Law Day by presenting Upper Darby Superintendent of Schools Bernard Carrozza with the Themis Award. The award honors someone outside the legal profession who engenders respect for the law and promotes the concept of individual responsibility. The award also recognizes citizen responsibility. The court and the bar association also recognized Widener University School of Law Clinical Program Director Nathaniel Nichols with the Elizabeth C. Price Award for his dedication to the bar association, and several members of Bikers Against Child Abuse who received the Liberty Bell award for

raising funds for awareness of crimes against children. Student winners of poster and essay contents were also recognized. CBS News correspondent Bill Whitaker, who grew up in the county, was the guest speaker.

YLD Hosts Fundraisers

The Young Lawyers Section of the Delaware County Bar Association recently hosted a bowling night fundraiser to benefit the Jeffrey Wenke Art Memorial Scholarship Fund, which supports high school art education programs. The division also held a public charity bingo night with proceeds going to the Domestic Abuse Project and the Women Against Rape.

Elk

Association Targets Students

The Elk County Bar Association sponsored a “Stepping Out” Program for Ridgway Area High School seniors. The program includes a booklet that details areas of the law that students may encounter as they graduate to college or into the working world. A team of attorneys elaborated on the booklet information and answered questions from the students.

Erie

Liberty Bell Award Presented

As part of its Law Day activities, the Erie County Bar Association presented the Liberty Bell Award to Monsignor Vincent Enright, former diocesan director of the Office of Justice and Peace/Respect Life of Catholic Charities, and a longtime social activist.

Franklin

Law Day Brings Tours and Trials

The Franklin County Bar Association’s sponsorship of Law Day included oversight of area students in a mock trial as well as tours of the County Court House and its departments and offices. Chambersburg and

New Chester County Bar Exec. Director Sets Goals

Chester County Bar Association’s new executive director expects to bring energy and fresh perspective to the association. Daniel Stark, 34, whose background is association management for nonprofits, took over the job from retiring Executive Director Margaret Halfpenny in April.

Stark indicated his first goal is to increase membership. “We’re looking for innovative ways to determine their needs and meet those needs,” he said of prospective Chester County members. “The goal is also to help members meet challenges in the practice of law in the coming years.”

Stark stresses the advocacy role of the association and how it provides attorneys who face each other in court an opportunity to engage in activities that promote civil discourse. He says he looks forward to making use of technology to provide member benefits such as online registration for events and a members-only area of the association’s Web site. □

Pennsylvania State police also participated in Law Day with displays and demonstrations.

Greene

Law Day Activities Held

Members of the Greene County Bar Association joined students from West

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Greene Middle School, Waynesburg Central High School, and Waynesburg College at the County Court House for Law Day this year. Association President Timothy Logan and Judge William Nalitz were among the speakers at the event.

Lackawanna

Service Awards Mark Law Week

The Lackawanna Bar Association celebrated Law Week by presenting a series of service awards in recognition of the occasion. Scranton attorney Jane Carlonas was presented with the Young Lawyers Division annual Margaret M. Gavin Award in honor of her contributions to the YLD, the bar association and the community. Carlonas was also honored with the PBA YLD 2001 Michael K. Smith Award for professional excellence. Judges Richard Conaboy, William Nealon and S. John Cattone, as well as attorneys Ralph Carey, Frank DeSanto and George Yavorek were honored for their 50 years of service. County resident Gino Merli received the association's Chief Justice Michael J. Eagen Award.

Red Mass Celebrated

The Lackawanna Bar Association and the Diocese of Scranton recently sponsored their 31st annual Red Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. Traditionally attended by legislators, judges, lawyers, court officials and legal support staff from the region, the Red Mass is celebrated each May as part of the association's recognition of Law Week. The Red Mass originated in 13th century Europe and England when judges and lawyers attended Mass at the opening of each court term to seek blessing for their efforts. It received its name from the red vestments and robes worn by participating priests and jurists.

Members of Sacred Heart High School's mock trial team carried flags in the Mass procession.

YLD Projects Held

The Young Lawyers Division of the Lackawanna Bar Association and the Lackawanna Lawyers Auxiliary recently held their fifth annual Project KidCare to photograph and fingerprint area children for protection and identification. The Young Lawyers also sponsored their 11th annual Law Week Benefit Cocktail Party to benefit Mercy Hospice.

Lancaster

"Meet Your Judges" Forum Held

The Lancaster Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial

Judges recently sponsored a "Meet Your Judges" forum. A panel of county judges discussed recent changes designed to improve efficiency and effectiveness in the court system.

Attorneys Awarded

The association recently honored a retired judge and two other Lancaster Bar Association members. Retired Senior Judge Wilson Bucher was given the Louise Gatling Herr Memorial Award, presented annually to a member of the association with a strong commitment to pro bono service or other community or court-related volunteer efforts. Florine Winger received

Allegheny County Bar Exec. Retires After Nearly Four Decades

James Ignatius Smith III, or "Jim," executive director of the Allegheny County Bar Association, recently retired after 38 years at the job. Smith came to his bar association career when, as a reporter for his hometown newspaper, the *Circleville Herald*, he was presented with an award from the Ohio State Bar Association for a story he wrote on jury duty. The very next year, a public relations position became available with the association and Smith was hired. He came to the Allegheny County Bar Association three years later, and was hired as their first executive director in 1963.

During his tenure, Smith helped to increase the association's membership from 1,800 members in 1963 to the more than 7,000 members today. This "tremendous growth," according to the ACBA, can be attributed to "Jim Smith's ability to encourage participation through his

personal example, responsiveness to member needs and tireless support of association leadership." Under his direction, the ACBA now offers its members a lawyer placement service, continuing legal education courses, a technology training center, a law office management program and ACBA Services, Inc., which provides video and court reporting services. It also publishes the *Pittsburgh Legal Journal*, the official Allegheny County Court newspaper. Smith was presented with the third annual Arthur J. Birdsall Award in February 2000 by the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Smith's successor is Acting Executive Director David Blaner.

Read a profile on Jim Smith entitled "A Career Built on Public Service" in the March/April 2001 issue of PBA's *Pennsylvania Lawyer*. The article can also be found in the Pennsylvania Lawyer area of the PBA Web site. □

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the Bar Association Achievement Award for her work in designing and implementing a mentoring program for young attorneys. Matthew J. Creme Jr. received the President's Award for his years of service to the association and to the legal profession. The association also recognized Louis Weisman, J. Marlin Shreiner and Lawrence E. Stengel for their 50 years membership in the organization.

Lawrence

Law Day Features Essay Contest

The Lawrence County Bar Association sponsored its annual Law Day essay contest around the topic "Should a juvenile who participates in a school shooting be tried as an adult?" The contest awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to winning county public school seniors.

Lehigh

Napster Engages County Students

Lehigh County Bar Association lawyers struck a chord with county high school students during their annual Law Day discussions this year. Law Day Co-chairman and Allentown attorney Mark Altemose indicated that this year's discussion of the online music trading service Napster generated more student involvement than any past Law Day to date.

Monroe

Benefit Race Highlights Law Day

The Monroe County Bar Association sponsored its 17th annual Law Day five-mile race and 5K run on May 6. The race benefits Pocono Mountain Kidney Foundation, in memory of Lester T. Brown.

Montgomery

Law Day Features Authors & Awards

The Montgomery Bar Association celebrated Law Day with an official swearing-in of new admittees at the County Court House. The association marked

the day with the presentation of their Public Service Award and by acknowledging authors of the top essays in the Law Day High School Essay Contest.

Memorial Service Held

Members of the Montgomery Bar Association recently held their annual memorial service to remember association members who had died in the past year.

Northampton

Public Education Course Presented

Northampton County Bar Association Service to the Public Committee Chair Ellen Kraft presented "The Peoples Law School" over the course of six weeks at the Northampton Community College. The public education course was designed to provide participants with an overview of the practice of law by covering such topics as "Introduction to the Courts," provided by Judge Stephen G. Baratta. "Wills, Trusts and Powers of Attorney," "Family Law," "DUI and Criminal Law," "Civil Litigation," and "Consumer Law" were presented by eleven other association attorneys.

Mock Trial Competitions Held

The Northampton County Bar Association saw six area schools participate in recent mock trial competitions. In two nights of competition, 50 law professionals served as jurors and real judges sat on the bench. Association member and competition coordinator Victor Scomillio was pleased with the results, indicating that many student presentations exceeded expectations.

Association Sponsors Explorers

Susan Hutnik, chair of a legal Explorer Post sponsored by the Northampton County Bar Association, recently put together an eight-month program at the Northampton County Government Center for county high school students. The Explorer Post agenda

included tours of the Courthouse, prison, the new Juvenile Justice Center, and even a scheduled Preliminary Hearing at the local District Justice Office. The association awarded certificates to each student for their participation in the program.

Schuylkill

"Stepping Out" for Law Day

As part of Law Day, judges and lawyers of the Schuylkill County Bar Association presented the "Stepping Out" program to county students. The program helps students learn about some of the rights and responsibilities they will face upon graduation.

Somerset

Tours Lead to Winning Essays

As part of their activities observing Law Day, the Somerset County Bar Association sponsored a ceremony honoring winners of the 2000-2001 Courthouse Tour and Essay Contest. Ninth-grade students began visiting the courthouse in November, with association attorneys and courthouse personnel acting as tour guides. Students were then encouraged to write essays based on their impressions of the tours. The association presented cash awards to an overall county winner as well as to individual school winners.

Venango

Group Offers Pro Bono Services

In an effort to expand pro bono legal services to low-income Venango County residents, the Venango County Bar Association has collaborated with the Venango County Court Administrator and Northwestern Legal Services, Franklin office. The pro bono program provides free legal services to eligible people by assigning civil cases on a rotating basis to private attorneys who are members of the association or who practice in Venango County.

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Warren

Law Day Chair Honored

In conjunction with the Warren County Bar Association's sponsorship of Law Day in May, Warren County District Attorney Joseph Massa received a citation from State Rep. Jim Lynch in recognition of Massa's 31 years of work as chairman of the annual Law Day program for Warren County School District students.

Washington

Students Explore Justice and Juries

Students from Washington County learned about the justice system and about jury duty at the recent Law Explorer program sponsored by the Washington County Bar Association. Several participating students also served as jurors for a mock trial exhibition presented by Ringgold High School students.

County Residents Meet Their Judges

The Washington County Bar Association recently sponsored a "Meet Your Judges" Forum. The event is an effort to de-mystify the role of judges and judicial process and to heighten public understanding of the problems faced by both judges and the public in dealing with our judicial system. Participating judges each provided a short presentation, then took questions from the audience. The League of Women Voters also sponsored the event.

Wayne

Poster Contest Marks Law Day

The Wayne County Bar Association marked Law Day with a mock trial at the County Court House between two area high schools and the recognition of the "Protecting the Best Interests of Our Children" poster contest winner.

Wilkes-Barre/Luzerne

New Web Site Launched

The Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association/Luzerne County Bar Association has developed a Web site. Their URL is www.wblawlibrary.org or www.luzernecountybar.org.

District Justice Speaks at Law Day

District Justice Fred A. Pierantoni III was the keynote speaker at the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association/Luzerne County Bar Association's Law Day observance. More than 150 students from area high schools also participated in the Law Day program, designed to familiarize them with the interaction of the judicial, legislative and executive branches of government.

York

Scholarships Awarded

The York County Bar Association awarded the \$1,000 Richard P. Noll Scholarship to Natalie Grille, a student at Temple University Beasley School of Law. The scholarship recognizes scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities and outstanding achievement in spite of demanding school and work schedules. The winner must demonstrate motivation, character, ability and potential.

Law Day Celebration Takes Place

At its Law Day luncheon, the York County Bar Association presented the 2001 Liberty Bell Award to retired architect G. William Dize. The award recognized Dize's contributions to a better understanding of the American justice system and the rule of law in a free nation. Other Law Day events included essay and poster contest awards. The winning poster was adapted for use on a T-shirt given to entrants in the association's 5K Law Day race. York Catholic High School's mock trial team, which won the district and regional competition



Pictured at the April quarterly meeting of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association/Luzerne County Bar Association are: (seated, left to right) Robert N. Opel II, WBLLA president; Marvyn S. Lieber, former PBA president; William F. Anzalone, WBLLA vice president and (standing, left to right) Richard M. Goldberg, former Zone 5 governor and Joseph Burke III, WBLLA secretary/treasurer and executive director.

this spring, and finished among the top eight of 250 teams across the state was also recognized.

Foundation Awards Grants

The York County Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the York County Bar Association, has awarded grants totaling \$30,040 to the following agencies: MidPenn Legal Services, Pennsylvania Resource Immigration Service, ACCESS-York, Mediation Services for Conflict Resolution, YMCA Youth and Government Program, Leave a Legacy, and the York County Literacy Council's Parents in Prison/Family Reading Program. □

Service and Sharing: What it Means for a County Bar Foundation to Serve the Community

Excerpt from a speech by Donald F. Smith Jr., president of the Berks County Bar Foundation. It is provided here to encourage and inspire other local bar associations and foundations to find concrete, meaningful ways to contribute to their communities.

[Last year, a committee was appointed to study the Foundation's role in the new millennium. The result was the Board of Trustees conducted a strategic planning session in January.]

Briefly, the following was achieved:

First, a rewritten mission statement ... now reads simply: The mission of the Berks County Bar Foundation is to raise and provide funds to support charitable, law-related projects, programs and services in Berks County.

Secondly, the Board of Trustees would no longer be made up of just Bar Association directors, AND non-lawyers would be invited to be part of the Board, but control would always rest with the Bar Association.

Third, a major fund-raising campaign is to be held this year, and a goal of \$40,000 was set.

Fourth, the Scholarship Program would be repeated but an effort would be made to identify a new, significant project, consistent with the new mission statement — one that would create some interest and excitement.

Earlier this month a symposium was held whereupon the new Board of Trustees met with representatives of the United Way, MidPenn Legal Services, the Reading School District [and other community groups]. The purpose of the symposium was to identify needs of the community that we as lawyers could help address.

The community representatives were not shy in making their requests.

But the focus had to be on what we lawyers can uniquely deliver to the community, through our Foundation, that would [not only] be of service to the community but which would [also] improve the community's perception of the legal profession in Berks County. If it was just to throw

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A consensus developed that these goals would be best met by lawyers going into the communities of Berks County with more educational programs [for all ages], giving them the true scoop, alerting them to when legal representation is needed and doing so in a low-key, informative way.

Last year the Family Law Section did a program teaching the public about the child support guidelines, and even went to the extent of providing a baby-sitting service for the night. The program was done at the Sheraton in Wyomissing. But what if we did the same program in Womelsdorf, Hamburg or in South Reading?

Last year the Community Outreach Committee, working with the Estate Planning Section, did an Elder Law program in Boyertown and this year similar programs on End of Life Decision Making were done in Birdsboro and across the street in the Hispanic Center in an attempt to reach out

to the growing Hispanic community. But what if we expanded these programs to other topics, such as real estate? What if we instituted custody clinics in Spanish to

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take some of the pressure off our members performing pro bono services at Mid-Penn?

Last year for the "Stepping Out" Program 24 young attorneys went into eight high schools to teach approximately 1,800 graduating seniors basic law as they enter adulthood. What if we make a concerted effort to go into all Berks County high schools? What if we did the same program at the Emergency Shelter to help the homeless make the transition? What if we published the "Stepping Out" booklet in Spanish?

Last year we participated in the program "Celebrate Students — Judges and Lawyers Go Back to School" by doing presentations in 35 classrooms or assemblies in 24 different schools. And we have just sponsored a moot court

competition involving teens from four high schools in the county. Each team of at least five students was coached by at least one member of our Association. Think of the good impressions we are making on these young minds by coming into their schools in this way.

We also reach out to the public with our "Ask A Lawyer" program on BCTV. But why don't we do a better job of promoting that show each month so that the viewing public can intentionally find us and not just accidentally while channel surfing?

This vision is ambitious. It demands volunteers — lawyers willing to give of their time and of their knowledge. But it also demands staff support

— the recruitment of volunteers, contacting the schools and the community groups, scheduling the events, finding the proper

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PBArnstorming Schedule Set

PBA President Reg Belden, Executive Director Barry Simpson, County Bar Services Director Arthur Birdsall, and other key PBA staff will take to the road in September, making stops in 24 locations in just three weeks. The PBArnstorming tour is part of PBA's efforts to communicate with local bar associations, highlighted by personal visits in each zone to make local bars aware of what the state association has to offer and to hear firsthand how it can serve local bars.

The PBArnstorming schedule, as available at press time, appears below.

WEEK ONE

Tuesday, September 4

Zone 8 - 12:00 noon - Luncheon at Rustic Lodge, Indiana

Zone 6 - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Holiday Inn Meadow Lands, Washington

Wednesday, September 5

Zone 12 - 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast at The Rivers Club, Pittsburgh

Zone 10 - 12:00 noon - Luncheon at Bonello's Family Rest., Kittanning

Zone 7 - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Holiday Inn Clarion, Clarion

Thursday, September 6

Zone 7 - 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Days Inn, Meadville

Zone 7 - 12:00 noon - Luncheon at Bel Aire Hotel, Erie

Zone 10 - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Peek'n Peak Resort & Conf. Center

WEEK TWO

Monday, September 10

Zone 8 - (time TBD) - Luncheon at U.S. Hotel Restaurant Tavern, Hollidaysburg

Zone 11 - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Toftrees Resort, State College

Tuesday, September 11

Zone 4 - 12:00 noon - Luncheon at Tioga Country Club, Wellsboro

Zone 5 - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Williamstown Inn, Towanda

Wednesday, September 12

Zone 4 - 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Magee's Main Street Inn, Bloomsburg

Zone 5 - 12:00 noon - Luncheon at The Beaumont Inn, Dallas

Zone 5 - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Settlers Inn, Hawley

Thursday, September 13

Zone 5 - 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Masteroserio's Restaurant, Montrose

Zone 2 - 1:00p.m. - Luncheon at GreyStone Restaurant, Pottsville

Friday, September 14

Zone 3 - 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Lancaster Bar Assn., Lancaster

Zone 3 - 12:30 p.m. - Luncheon at Gettysburg Hotel, Gettysburg

WEEK THREE

Monday, September 17

Zone 8 - 9:30 a.m. - "I Signed The Constitution"- Hollidaysburg

Wednesday, September 19

Zone 9 - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner -TBD

Thursday, September 20

Zone 1 - 12:00 - Lunch - TBD

Zone 9 - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Bucks Co. Bar Assn., Doylestown

Friday, September 21

Zone 2 - 8:00a.m. - Breakfast at Inn at Jim Thorpe, Jim Thorpe

Zone 5 - 12:00 noon - Luncheon at Monroe County Bench Bar Conference

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venues, marketing the programs and organizing the written materials.

The consensus of the symposium was that if our members are willing to do the teaching, the Foundation would provide the funding for a new staff position, that of community coordinator.

It creates exciting new opportunities for community involvement in a very visible manner. Having a better educated public will mean a greater appreciation for the distinction of the professions, of when a lawyer needs to be retained and, equally importantly, recognition that lawyers are decent, charitable people, willing to give of their time for a better community.

My spiritual side tells me that we have each been called to the legal profession because of the gifts we possess.

To fulfill our calling, is it enough to simply achieve good results for clients? No, I submit, with our special gifts we have a duty to the profession as a whole and to the community of which we are an integral part.

When we close the book on our respective careers, we should be able to look back on a lifetime of making a difference — that the gifts we brought to bear strengthened the legal profession and were a shining light in the community. □

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LIVE VIA SATELLITE

Allentown *Kingston*
Erie *West Chester*

E-mail Breakdowns and Misuse of Personal Information, *live via satellite*, July 20, 2001, 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 4 CLE credits (3 substantive, 1 ethics)

LIVE VIA SATELLITE

Allentown *Montrose*
Chambersburg *New Castle*
Erie *Reading*
Hollidaysburg *Schuylkill Haven*
Honesdale *Scranton*
Indiana *State College*
Kingston *Stroudsburg*
Lancaster *Uniontown*
Lewisburg *Williamsport*
Mansfield *York*

Driving Under the Influence 2001, *live via satellite*, July 31, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 4 CLE credits (4 substantive, 0 ethics)

LIVE VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Erie *Kingston*

Ethics Potpourri: Mirage, *live via videoconference*, August 15, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 1 CLE credit (0 substantive, 1 ethics)

Ethics Potpourri: PBA Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee Update, *live via videoconference*, August 15, 2001, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 1 CLE credit (0 substantive, 1 ethics)

Ethics Potpourri: How to Avoid Being Referred to the Disciplinary Board, *live via videoconference*, August 15, 2001, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1 CLE credit (0 substantive, 1 ethics)

Allentown

The Basics of Employment Law, August 7, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Bar Association of Lehigh County, 6 CLE credits (6 substantive, 0 ethics)

Doylestown

Premises Liability 2001, July 20, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Bucks County Bar Association, 4 CLE credits (4 substantive, 0 ethics)

Erie

Winning Criminal Trial Techniques, August 24, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Bel Aire Hotel, 6 CLE credits (6 substantive, 0 ethics)

Hershey

PBA Workers' Compensation Fall Section Meeting 2001, September 13 & 14, 2001, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. (Sept. 13), 7:55 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Sept. 14), Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, 6 CLE credits (6 substantive, 0 ethics)

King-of-Prussia

Handling the Residential Construction Litigation Case, September 24, 2001, 12:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel Valley Forge, 4 CLE credits (4 substantive, 0 ethics)

Lebanon

Malpractice Avoidance, August 2, 2001, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Quality Inn, 625 Quentin, 1.5 CLE credits (0 substantive, 1.5 ethics)

Pennsylvania Bar Association Malpractice Avoidance Seminars

PBA Malpractice Avoidance Seminars are scheduled to begin in October in Western Pennsylvania with a brand new program. See the upcoming October issue of the *County Line* for a full fall schedule and program description.

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