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2002 Project PEACE Applications Solicited

The Pennsylvania Bar Association is now accepting applications for the third annual Project PEACE training conference to be held Feb. 21-23, 2002, at the Radisson Penn Harris & Convention Center in Camp Hill and hosted by the PBA and Attorney General Mike Fisher. All Pennsylvania public, private and parochial elementary schools are eligible to apply.

Project PEACE works to reduce conflict and violence in Pennsylvania's elementary schools by teaching students how to discuss and mediate disagreements peacefully. It empowers children, who are still in their formative years, with the important life-skills that promote constructive communication, problem-solving, critical-thinking and self-esteem. Children become active participants in



governing behavior in their classrooms by taking on the role of mediator and using the mediation process. With the help of neutral peer mediators, conflicts can be settled in a positive manner, benefiting the school climate as a whole.

During Project PEACE training, school teams — composed of one administrator, one educator, one guidance counselor or second educator, one parent and one attorney —

are introduced to the peer mediation process through hands-on learning activities. They receive instruction in such areas as adjudication versus mediation, diffusing conflict situations and the skills of conflict resolution. At the end of the training, the schools write their own mediation plans, which are then introduced to their local schools. At home, the schools then select and train their student mediators. The student mediators then help fellow students resolve disputes peacefully.

Twelve elementary schools will be selected to attend this year's training conference — one school from each of the bar association's zones, or geographic districts.

The Project PEACE training model was developed by the Temple-LEAP program of the Temple University Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia. Project PEACE has been successfully implemented in Indiana since 1994 under the auspices of that state's bar association and Attorney General.

If you know of a school that would benefit from Project PEACE training, encourage them to visit the PBA Web site (www.pabar.org) for an application. Or for more information contact the PBA Communications Department (800-932-0311, ext. 2226). Applications are due by Nov. 1, 2001. All schools will receive free standards-based conflict resolution and law-related education materials for applying. □

Birdsall to Chair NABE Forum

Pennsylvania Bar Association County Bar Services Director Arthur J. Birdsall has been named chair of the State and Local Bar Liaisons Forum of the National Association of Bar Executives (NABE).

As chair, Birdsall will lead more than 35 national bar association executives in promoting communications and relations between state and local bar associations. As part of this effort, he will be responsible for the devel-

opment of a spring 2002 national conference on the subject.

Birdsall, who has worked for the PBA for more than 25 years, was honored by the PBA Conference of County Bar Leaders in 2000 with the establishment of an annual award in his honor. The annual award is presented to a county bar executive who demonstrates the highest traditions of professional excellence. □

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Upcoming Conference

36th Annual Seminar of the Conference of County Bar Leaders

Plans are underway for the 36th Annual Seminar of the Conference of County Bar Leaders to be held at the Nittany Lion Inn, State College, March 1-2, 2002. Educational programs include malpractice avoidance, association management, quality of life/balance and media training.

CCBL builds strong relationships among bar leaders from throughout the commonwealth and strives to improve the status of the legal profession through effective leadership in the organized bar. By participating in the CCBL seminar, attendees receive many beneficial suggestions and ideas to apply to leadership activities in their home counties.

Hotel Reservations

Call toll-free at (800) 233-7505. To receive the group rate, make your reservation by Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, and mention that you are attending the PBA CCBL Seminar and/or specify ID# Bar0306.

CCBL Scholarships Available

Tuition scholarships are available to county bar leaders who want to attend the 36th Annual Seminar of the CCBL but don't have the available funds.

PBA County Bar Recognition Awards

PBA County Bar Recognition Awards recognize outstanding projects and activities conducted by county bar associations during the 2001 calendar year. This awards program does not place county bars in competition with each other for statewide recognition. Instead, it 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

Recommendations are being sought for a qualified PBA member to receive the 2001 Gilbert Nurick Award. Established in 1991, the award signifies outstanding contributions to and leadership in bar activities. The award recognizes the honoree for dedication to and promotion of the organized bar resulting in improved leadership for incoming bar association officers. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, Feb. 1, 2002.

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 her self second to the needs of the bar association whenever and whatever they may be." Nominations will be accepted until Friday, Feb. 1.

For more information about tuition scholarships, award nominations, or registration, please contact Arthur J. Birdsall, PBA county bar services director, at (800) 932-0311, ext. 2218 or e-mail: Art.Birdsall@pabar.org or visit the County Bar Services area of the PBA Web site: www.pabar.org.

"I Signed the Constitution" Poster Contest Underway

The PBA Law-Related Education Committee is pleased to announce its first annual "I Signed the Constitution" Poster Contest. This year's theme is "Symbols Of Freedom." Everywhere we go, we are surrounded by the symbols of freedom made possible by the United States Constitution: American flags, newspapers, houses of worship. And while these symbols may represent something different to each of us, collectively they remind us that, as Americans, we are afforded freedoms unlike any other people in the world.

For the contest, elementary school students are asked to create a poster that shows which symbols of freedom are important to them and why.

The winning poster will be displayed on the PBA Web site and used as the cover of the 2002 "I Signed the Constitution" guide. The winning student will be asked to take part in the PBA's formal Law Day ceremony in May 2002. The deadline for entry is Monday, Dec. 17, 2001.

This contest helps schools meet Proposed Academic Standards for Civics and Government 5.1.K across all grade levels, as well as Proposed Academic Standards for History 8.2.B across all grade levels and 8.3.3.B.

Contest Rules

1) The contest is open to all public and nonpublic elementary schools in Pennsylvania.

2) One entry per elementary school will be accepted. Schools may want to hold their own contest to determine which poster will be submitted to the statewide competition. An entry form must be completed in full and attached to the back of the poster. The entry form must be signed by the student artist, the student's teacher and by a parent or guardian of the student.

3) Students should create posters that show which symbols of freedom are important to them and why. Each poster must be an original art composition created by a child. The entry

must be the actual work of only one student. Adults may support the student's effort with suggestions and other forms of verbal assistance. The work produced, however, must be the product of the student's own effort.

4) The poster must be 8.5 inches x 11 inches. The design should be vertical in order to reproduce on the front of the "I Signed the Constitution" guide. Students should communicate their message about the symbols of freedom as creatively as they can using ink, tempera, powder paint, water colors, oil or magic marker.

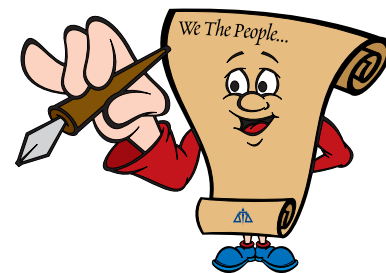
5) Entries will be judged by a review panel from the PBA's Law-Related Education Committee. The first place winner will have his or her poster featured on the cover of next year's "I Signed the Constitution" guide and receive a plaque during the PBA's formal Law Day ceremony at the State Capitol in May 2002. The second and third place winners will receive certificates of excellence from the PBA for their effort.

6) All entries must be post-marked by Monday, Dec. 17, 2001. Entrants will be notified of the winners by March 30, 2002. The winning student will be asked to attend the May 1, 2002 Law Day ceremony at the State Capitol.

7) All entries, including posters and other submitted materials, become the property of the PBA and will not be returned. Entries may be reproduced by the PBA in any form and for any purpose. The PBA reserves the right to modify any poster for reproduction purposes.

8) Entry into this contest constitutes permission for the artwork and artists to be photographed for publicity purposes without any compensation to the child, teacher, parents or guardians.

9) All federal, state and local regulations apply. Void where prohibited by law. Taxes on any prizes are the responsibility of the winners and their families.



Encourage interested students or schools to visit the PBA Web site at www.pabar.org or call the PBA Communications Department at (800) 932-0311 for an entry form. □

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 editors of *The Pennsylvania Lawyer* magazine plan to feature a sampling of these traditions in an upcoming issue. Send us a letter or e-mail describing the traditions that have special meaning for your county bar, be they the most successful, interesting or fun events or projects your local bar maintains from year to year.

E-mail us at editor@pabar.org or send mail to Editorial Director, *The Pennsylvania Lawyer*, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108-0186. Please contact us before Dec. 1, 2001. We look forward to hearing from you. □

Update: PBA Public Education Campaign

In response to requests from numerous local bar associations, the PBA Client and Community Relations Committee will move the time of its annual public education campaign from the spring to the fall. This means that there will not be a campaign in the spring of 2002 but rather in the fall of 2002.

Beaver County lawyer Gerri Volchko Paulisick will serve as chair of the 2002 campaign. She is looking for feedback from local bar associations about possible topics for the campaign. If your bar association has ideas it would like to share with the committee, please send them to Marcy Mallory, PBA communications director, at marcy.mallory@pabar.org. □

Day on the Hill Takes Place Oct. 16

PBA members are invited to attend the 6th annual "Day on the Hill," Tuesday, Oct. 16, at Whitaker Center, 301 Market Street, Harrisburg (adjacent to the Hilton Hotel). The program is designed to provide a forum for discussion between lawyers and members of the Pennsylvania Legislature. The featured topic of this year's CLE program, "Judicial Selection by Appointment: Is Pennsylvania Ready for It?," focuses on how appellate judges are selected. Following the program, PBA will sponsor a luncheon with Pennsylvania legislators.

The luncheon provides attorneys with an opportunity to network with members of the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives. Following the luncheon, there will be two concurrent breakout sessions, one on running for public office and another on county bars and the legislative process.

For more information on the day-long program or to register, call the PBA at (800) 932-0311 and speak with Susan Donmoyer (ext. 2223) or Janelle Black (ext. 2207). □

ABA Announces Law Day Plans

The American Bar Association has announced the theme for their 2002 Law Day celebration: "Assuring Equal Justice for All." The theme focuses on America's efforts to make equal justice a reality for *all* of our citizens. It highlights efforts to make legal services

affordable and widely available, and ways of making American justice equal regardless of color, gender, disability or economic status. It can encompass both court improvement projects and considerations of what equal justice means in other settings such as schools and alternative programs for settling disputes.

Law Day programs and ceremonies help Americans understand how our freedoms depend on our great system of law. Through Law Day, Americans appreciate both how the law contributes to the blessings of liberty we have experienced and how essential law is to the challenges we face.

The Pennsylvania Bar Association is underway with its plans for Law Day, to be held in May of 2002.

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

Stay tuned for more Law Day updates as they become available from both the ABA and the PBA. □



Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives President Marianne Canning (right) presents a photographic portrait of recently retired Allegheny County Bar Association Executive Director Jim Smith to incoming Executive Director David Blaner (left) at the PABE Annual Meeting in May in Pittsburgh. Also shown is Delaware County Bar Association Executive Director Betty Price (center) who arranged for the portrait.

How to ... Seize the Future, *Part 6 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. 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. Here are some more of his suggestions for us to evaluate:

1. Listen to revolutionaries, not the elite. We need the voices of young people, people outside the profession, newcomers. We need to develop a hierarchy of imagination.

Note: [Bar associations] need to invite young people, diverse people, people under 30 to be involved in retreats.

2. We need to challenge orthodoxies. For example, a legal orthodoxy is hourly billing. If we look at the top ten commonly held legal-business oriented beliefs, at least five of them are toxic to the legal profession's future. What business are we in? How do we measure success? Who are our customers? We should sort this out.

Main Issue: What is the size of the underserved population for legal needs?

3. We should exploit discontinuities. To do this, we need to observe what is changing and how to exploit it. We should visit the fringe. Dr. Hamel takes insurance company executives out to visit crystal healers. People on the inside never change the future.

Note: We as lawyers need to get people who are not lawyers involved in our planning and evaluation processes, including our retreats. We should look for change differentials (things changing at slow speed versus fast speed.) There is opportunity here. Then we should follow the chain of

consequences and keep asking, "so what," at the end of each causative link until a conclusion is reached. We should look for transcendent themes.

Note: The computer age may very well lead to isolation of people in the system. That's a possible theme — how do we solve it?

4. We need to be more consumer oriented. New programs are markets and markets are being built permitting the consumer to be the architect and to choose commodities and services on the Net. Consider the Barbie doll or building your own computer by Dell, or Webvan permitting grocery shopping on the Internet. The lesson: Consumers are saying, "my place, my time, and my space." Sites like Valuestar.com, provide the consumer with objective data (a consumer satisfaction rating system). It lists insurance products, costs and valuation criteria for different products in an objective manner. This is dynamite for consumers and permits them to bypass insurance agents. Could this happen to the legal profession? Consider Deja.com. They rate products and services in a consumer chat environment.

5. We need to unleash our core competencies. As a part of this, we need some attestation concerning value. Consider the Nielson ratings, J.D. Power for other accreditation events. What about Martindale-Hubbell ratings? We must consider not what we do, but what we know. We must consider blending several ideas with our competencies, e.g. the "Swatch" where the innovator blended the technical precision of a Swiss watch with a Lego plastic configuration and hit a homerun.

6. We need to work from the customer backwards. The customer should feel at ease, empowered, valued, respected, amused, informed, trusted, confident and involved. We should avoid the opposite where the customer is bored, confused, impatient, belittled, misinformed, mistrusted, ignored, helpless or alone. One of the keys for the legal profes-

sion is to consider how our clients or customers feel and avoid the negative implications and move them into the positive categories. We, in a sense, should walk through the process that a client goes through and see where it has its weaknesses.

7. We should find a "cause." When you meet your maker, you want to be able to say that you did something more than get a 20 percent return on equity. Consider the Charles Schwab example. He was motivated by what he felt customers wanted — what was "best for the customer." He felt if fees were cut by 60 percent this would be significant. After he made that decision, then he figured out he could live with the 40 percent fees that were left. How he had to change his work environment and process to make this work was the key to Schwab's success.

Note: Could lawyers do this?

8. We need to experiment. As lawyers, we should pick out two or three vectors in the legal field. Do a broad base blueprint of how we want to change, then experiment. We need a process, a synthesis and a point of view. We should imagine, design, experiment, assess and scale as we go along. Then we must implement. Consider the use of coaches in that process. □

Look for the final installment of "Seize the Future" in the January 2002 issue of the *County Line*.

Quality of Life Feedback Sought

The Pennsylvania Bar Association Task Force on Quality of Life/Balance would like to know if your county has held a Quality of Life Program within the last two years using the vignettes that were distributed by the Task Force. The Task Force would also like to know when your next bench/bar conference is going to be held.

Please contact Jennifer Zimmerman at the PBA at (800) 932-0311, ext. 2286 or at jennifer.zimmerman@pabar.org.



On the *Local Scene...*

Adams

Young Lawyers Help with Health Care Directives, Adult Roles

As part of National Health Care Decisions Week, the Young Lawyers Division of the Adams County Bar Association will join with the Gettysburg Hospital on Nov. 8 to present a free informational seminar on health care advance directives and organ and tissue donation. At the conclusion of the program, association attorneys will aid the public in drafting the appropriate documents at no cost. National Health Care Decisions Week is a national program initiated by the American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, with support from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Young Lawyers of the ACBA also presented programs at three area high schools as part of the statewide "Stepping Out" program sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association. The goal of the program is to educate graduating seniors about how their rights and responsibilities change upon turning 18 years old.

Portrait Commissioned

The Adams County Bar Association will commission a portrait of President Judge Oscar Spicer, who will retire at the end of this year. Spicer's portrait will hang in the new county courtroom alongside those of other past president judges; the portraits having recently been relocated from a hallway outside the old courtroom.

Allegheny

Gibson Award Presented to Two

The Allegheny County Bar Association recently awarded two Allegheny County attorneys with the Gibson Award, named after the late Gerald K. Gibson, former and longtime bankruptcy judge for the Western



Members (all but four) of the Bedford County Bar Association pose recently with the county's two judges and one senior judge.

District of Pennsylvania. Recipients Michael W. Hennen and Jill L. Locnikar received the highest award in their bankruptcy courses at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and the Duquesne School of Law respectively. They now practice with Cohen & Grigsby in Pittsburgh.

Blair

Mid-Penn Legal Services Rep Named

David M. Axinn has volunteered to serve as the Blair County Bar Association representative on the Mid-Penn Legal Services, Inc., Board of Directors. Axinn is a partner in Cohen and Axinn Law Offices and a former director of Blair Legal Services.

Bucks

Christmas in July

The Young Lawyers of the Bucks County Bar Association presented a Christmas in July party for 65 children and their families of the Tabor Children's Services Family Preservation Program. The party included pizza, gifts from Santa and craft activities.

Donations Presented

The Bucks County Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Bucks County Bar Association, recently present-

ed five area nonprofit organizations with \$100 donations. Recipients included both the Boy and Girl Scouts of America; NOVA, Inc.; Today, Inc.; and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Carbon

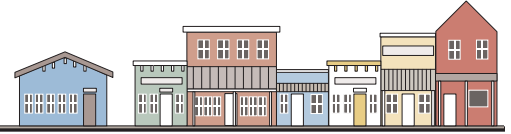
Scholarship Awarded

The Carbon County Bar Association presented a scholarship to Weatherly Area High School graduate Nicholas Shemonsky in June. The scholarship recognized Shemonsky as a student who had demonstrated a strong work ethic and conscientiousness in school activities.

Cumberland

Legal History Published

The Editorial Committee of the Cumberland County Bar Association has published *Cumberland Justice, Legal Practice in Cumberland County 1750-2001*. The two-part, hardbound book is a comprehensive history of over 250 years of law and justice in the county. Mark W. Podvia associate law librarian and archivist at The Dickinson School of the Law of the Pennsylvania State University authored Part 1: *The Early Years*. Part 2: *A Century of Change* details the years after the bar



association was formed in 1901. For more information, contact CCBA Executive Director Becky Morganthal at (717) 249-3166.

Dauphin

Bar Assn. President Speaks to Interns

Dauphin County Bar Association President Samuel Cooper spoke to Pennsylvania Legal Services' 18 Martin Luther King Jr. summer interns at a recognition dinner in August. Cooper spoke on his career experiences, his strong support of legal services and commitment to pro bono work, and he urged the law students to be involved in the organized bar as well as in their own communities.

Delaware

Elizabeth Price Award Presented

The Delaware County Bar Association recently honored attorney Nathaniel C. Nichols with the association's Elizabeth C. Price Award. The award was created by the association to honor "commitment, energy and most of all, loyalty" and performance of services that reflect well upon the image of all lawyers. Association Executive Director Betty Price, for whom the award is named, said Nichols received the award for his service to Delaware County Legal Assistance, his dedication to teaching, and his extraordinary commitment to helping the impoverished residents of Delaware County.

Erie

"Talking With Children" Presented

"Facts You Need to Know About Talking With Children" was the title of a seminar sponsored recently by the Erie County Bar Association. Anne Graffam Walker, a forensic linguist, spoke to bar association members, social workers, teachers and others who work with children during a

day-long seminar to help them become more attuned to the language of children. Some attending attorneys indicated they came to help them better interview children involved in abuse cases.

Heating Assistance Provided

The Erie County Bar Association, in conjunction with matching funds from National Fuel Gas, recently donated over \$4,000 to the "Neighbor for Neighbor" fund. The donation is an effort to help those adversely affected by the high cost of winter heating bills this past year. The contribution assisted those who were disabled or above age 55 and on fixed incomes.

Attorneys and Kids Together Program Receives Grant, Helps Grads

As part of their AKT (Attorneys and Kids Together) program, members of the Erie County Bar Association recently established a "senior fund" to help homeless students with expenses associated with their senior year in high school. Those expenses can include cap and gown, yearbook, senior banquet, prom, etc. Many attorneys gave \$125 to the fund to commemorate the association's 125th anniversary last year. In addition, ECBA just received a \$15,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for enhancement of the Attorneys & Kids Together program. Details on the program enhancements will follow in a later issue of the *County Line*.

Assn. Participates in Project PEACE

Erie County area educators, school administrators and attorneys recently took part in a two-day Project PEACE (Peaceful Endings Through Attorneys, Children and Educators) training program sponsored by the Erie County Bar Association. Fifteen local elementary schools were represented

in the program, which helps promote conflict resolution as a life skill.

Scholarships Awarded

The Erie County Bar Association recently awarded scholarships to five county law students.

Indiana

Assn. Expands and Enhances Efforts

The Indiana County Bar Association, through its current president, Thomas G. Johnson, as well as its officers, directors and members, is undergoing several visible and proactive initiatives. Efforts are underway to develop a Law Day program and a recently appointed Pro Bono Committee is taking steps to address the ongoing problem of providing legal services to those in need. The association's Young Lawyer's Committee has organized an annual golf tournament between area law enforcement and association members. It is thought that the event will foster and encourage mutual respect among trial attorneys and the police.

Lackawanna

Young Lawyers Help Seniors, Other Young Lawyers

The Young Lawyers Division of the Lackawanna Bar Association held its second annual "Senior Citizens and the Law" program on July 18. Attorneys from the group visited senior centers throughout the county to discuss law-related issues of interest to the elderly. The Young Lawyers Division also hosted a "Meet the Judges" program for new lawyers.

People's Law School Presented

The Lackawanna Bar Association presented several free People's Law School programs in August at Marywood University. The programs to educate the community on their rights within the law included "Getting the

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Most Out of the Internet for the Beginning Legal Researcher," "Criminal Law and the Trial Process" and "Employment Issues and Laws in Pennsylvania."

Eagan Award Presented to Veteran

The Lackawanna Bar Association awarded its Chief Justice Michael J. Eagan Award to Medal of Honor recipient Gino J. Meril for his contributions to the region and advocacy of veterans' affairs.

Lebanon

Outstanding Student Named

The Lebanon County Bar Association recently teamed with WLBR Radio to name Jared Calder Cook "Lebanon County's Outstanding Senior Student of the Year 2001."

Playwrights Receive Sponsorship

The Lebanon County Bar Association sponsored the recent Lebanon Community Theatre's third annual playwriting contest. Winning plays were performed August 17-19 at the Theatre.

Lehigh

Auto Investigation Seminar Held

"Automotive Investigation: Tires, ABS, Black Box, Fraud, Fires and More" was the title of a seminar attended by members of the Bar Association of Lehigh County in August. The seminar was presented by an automotive engineer from Expert Network.

Montgomery

Teen Court Held

The Young Lawyers Division of the Montgomery Bar Association assisted with sponsorship of Teen Court, a program that holds young offenders accountable for problem behaviors and uses positive peer influence, competency development and youth involvement to help them become more responsible, productive citizens.

Teen Court hosted real estate developer J. Brian O'Neill on August 8.

Foundation Presents Checks

The Montgomery Bar Foundation, the charitable giving arm of the Montgomery Bar Association, recently presented \$2,500 to the Historical Society of Montgomery County to help store and preserve valuable, historically significant artifacts during the society's upcoming building expansion project. The Foundation also presented \$2,000 to Compeer of Suburban Philadelphia for their annual volunteer recognition event and activity fund. The foundation is supported by donations of bar association members.

Northampton

Bar Assn. President Speaks at College

Northampton County Bar Association President Michael E. Riskin spoke at this year's awards convocation at the Northampton Community College. Riskin, on behalf of the association, presented an engraved plaque and cash award to Karen S. Horwath, recognizing her as the outstanding paralegal graduate.

Young Lawyers Help Generate Career Awareness

Northampton County Bar Association Young Lawyers, including Victor Scomillio and Maura Zajac McGuire, continue to visit county schools, speaking to students about a career in law as part of a career awareness program sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America/Minsi Trail Council.

Program Honors Judge Kirkpatrick

The Northampton County Bar Association sponsored a reception in the federal court in Easton following a program presented by the Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The program was in celebration of the life and career of the late Judge William H.

Kirkpatrick. A panel explored the judge's life, his impact on the federal bench, and his roles as trustee of Lafayette College, a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives and a respected member of the Northampton County Bar. NCBA President Michael Riskin delivered the closing remarks on behalf of the association.

Philadelphia

Gender-Based Justice is Topic

Layli Miller Bashir, executive director of the Tahirih Justice Center spoke on gender-based persecution to members of the Philadelphia Bar Association and the legal community on Sept. 14. Bashir founded the center in 1977 to provide pro bono legal services and auxiliary medical and social service referrals to immigrant and refugee women who have fled to the U.S. to escape human rights abuses. She argued the landmark case of Fuaziya Kassindja, a young woman who fled Togo and its tribal practice of female genital mutilation.

Schuylkill

Scholarship Applications Solicited

The Schuylkill County Bar Association once again accepted financial aid applications from Schuylkill County students attending law school. This is the 24th year for the scholarship aid program; last year awards were made to 17 law school students.

Association Aids YMCA

The Schuylkill County Bar Association and its members have pledged \$15,000 toward the current Schuylkill YMCA "Invest in Youth" program. Members of the association are pledging \$7,500 and the association is matching their individual pledges. The association pledged the largest gift in the YMCA campaign. Money raised will go to support summer day camps, youth centers and youth sports programs.

Washington

Bar Association Sponsors National Mock Trial Contestants

Four students recruited by the Washington County Bar Association's Law Explorers Program and advised by Kathy Sabol, executive director of the association, participated in the annual national mock trial competition in Massachusetts in July. Eighteen teams from across the country participated, with the Washington County team being the first ever to represent Pennsylvania in the 14 years that the competition has been held. One of the four Washington County students received a second place witness award. The WCBA and the Washington County Bar Foundation sponsored the team's trip to the national competition, which was co-sponsored by the American Bar Association and the Boy Scouts of America.

Bar Association Votes to Retain Judge

Members of the Washington County Bar Association have overwhelmingly approved retention of Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca of the Washington County Court of Common Pleas for a 10-year term. In a recently conducted referendum poll, members were asked to evaluate her integrity, legal ability and judicial temperament.

Wilkes-Barre

Bar Association Honors Retirees

At their recent Law Day celebration, the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association presented special awards to retiring members of the association's executive committee.

York

Grant Will Aid Immigrants

The York County Bar Foundation has received a grant from the American Bar Association Fund for Justice and Education to provide direct legal representation to immigrants who are



The annual summer outing of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association/Luzerne County Bar was marked by a number of presentations and a special welcome to the president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. From left are Joseph Burke II, secretary-treasurer/executive director of the association; William F. Anzalone, vice president; Robert N. Opel II, president; PBA president H. Reginald Belden Jr.; and PBA County Bar Services Director Art Birdsall.

indefinitely detained and housed in the county. The \$5,000 grant will provide volunteer attorneys and students, as well as detainees, with training and materials on how to navigate administrative processes such as those of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). York County Prison is home to about 800 INS detainees on any given day. About 130 of them have received deportation orders, but about 40 of those are "lifers," prisoners whose homelands either will not accept them or no longer exist. Jean Bednarski, executive director of the foundation, said that fewer than half of the detainees have legal representation. □

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for the next issue of the newsletter.

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PBA Fall Malpractice Avoidance Seminar Schedule

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LEHIGH

Thursday, Oct. 11, 4:00 p.m.
Atlantic City Hilton Casino Resort, NJ
1.0 ethics credit

LANCASTER

Friday, Oct. 12, noon
Rocky Gap Resort, Cumberland, MD
1.0 ethics credit

CRAWFORD

Monday, Oct. 15, 9:00 a.m.
Holiday Inn Express/Perkins, Meadville
1.5 ethics credits

MERCER

Monday, Oct. 15, 3:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn, Hermitage
1.5 ethics credits

VENANGO

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 9:00 a.m.
Holiday Inn, Oil City
1.5 ethics credits

WARREN

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 3:00 p.m.
Super 8, Warren
1.5 ethics credits

ELK

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2:00 p.m.
Bavarian Inn, St. Marys
1.5 ethics credits

CAMERON

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 3:00 p.m.
Office of Paul Malizia,
25 E. Fourth Street, Emporium
1.5 ethics credits

MCKEAN

Thursday, Oct. 18, 9:00 a.m.
Howard Johnson, Bradford
1.5 ethics credits

JEFFERSON

Monday, Oct. 22, 9:00 a.m.
Days Inn, Brookville
1.5 ethics credits

CLARION

Monday, Oct. 22, 3:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn, Clarion
1.5 ethics credits

ARMSTRONG

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 9:00 a.m.
Kenny B's, Kittanning
1.5 ethics credits

INDIANA

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 3:00 p.m.
Rustic Lodge, Indiana
1.5 ethics credits

WESTMORELAND

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 9:00 a.m.
Bar Headquarters, Greensburg
1.5 ethics credits

FAYETTE

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 3:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn, Uniontown
1.5 ethics credits

GREENE

Thursday, Oct. 25, 9:00 a.m.
County Office Bldg., Waynesburg
1.5 ethics credits

WASHINGTON

Thursday, Oct. 25, 3:00 p.m.
Bar Headquarters, Washington
1.5 ethics credits

BEAVER

Tuesday, Oct. 30,
10:00 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Bar Headquarters, Beaver
1.5 ethics credits

LAWRENCE

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 9:00 a.m.
Chuck Tanner's Rest, New Castle
1.5 ethics credits

BUTLER

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 3:00 p.m.
Days Inn, Butler
1.5 ethics credits

POTTER

Monday, Nov. 12, 9:00 a.m.
Laurel Woods, Coudersport
1.5 ethics credits

CLINTON

Monday, Nov. 12, 3:00 p.m.
Best Western Inn, Lock Haven
1.5 ethics credits

CENTRE

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 9:00 a.m.
Days Inn, State College
1.5 ethics credits

CLEARFIELD

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 3:00 p.m.
Comfort Inn, Clearfield
1.5 ethics credits

HUNTINGDON

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 9:00 a.m.
Days Inn, Huntingdon
1.5 ethics

BLAIR

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2:00 p.m.
Ramada, Altoona
1.5 ethics credits

MIFFLIN

Thursday, Nov. 15, 9:00 a.m.
Clarion Inn, Burnham
1.5 ethics credits

YORK

Monday, Nov. 19, 12:15 p.m.
Yorktown Hotel, York
1.5 ethics credits

MONTGOMERY

Monday, Dec. 3,
9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
MBA Headquarters, Norristown
1.5 ethics credits

ERIE

Tuesday, Dec. 4, time TBD
Bel-Aire Hotel, Erie
1.0 ethics credit

FULTON

Wednesday, Dec 12, 9:00 a.m.
Fulton County National Bank,
McConnellsburg
1.5 ethics credits

BEDFORD

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2:00 p.m.
Best Western, Bedford
1.5 ethics credits

CAMBRIA

Thursday, Dec. 13, 9:00 a.m.
Comfort Inn, Johnstown
1.5 ethics credits

SOMERSET

Thursday, Dec. 13, 2:00 p.m.
Ramada Inn, Somerset
1.5 ethics credits

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Greensburg

Fundamentals of Estate & Trust Administration, Oct. 10, 2001, 8:30 am to 4:30 p.m., 6 CLE Credits (5 substantive, 1 ethics)

King of Prussia

Solving Driver Licensing Problems, Oct. 15, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 6 CLE Credits (6 substantive, 0 ethics)

Media

Fundamentals of Estate & Trust Administration, Oct. 16, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 6 CLE Credits (5 substantive, 1 ethics)

Reading

Fundamentals of Estate & Trust Administration, Oct. 23, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 6 CLE Credits (5 substantive, 1 ethics)

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<i>Chambersburg</i>	<i>New Castle</i>
<i>Doylestown</i>	<i>Reading</i>
<i>Easton</i>	<i>Smethport</i>
<i>Erie</i>	<i>Somerset</i>
<i>Greensburg</i>	<i>State College</i>
<i>Harrisburg</i>	<i>Stroudsburg</i>
<i>Hollidaysburg</i>	<i>Uniontown</i>
<i>Indiana</i>	<i>Waynesburg</i>
<i>Johnstown</i>	<i>West Chester</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>West Decatur</i>
<i>Lancaster</i>	<i>Williamsport</i>
<i>Lewisburg</i>	<i>York</i>
<i>Media</i>	

5th Annual Family Law Update, Oct. 30, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 6 CLE Credits (5 substantive, 1 ethics)

King of Prussia

International Letters of Credit, Nov. 1, 2001, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 3 CLE Credits (2 substantive, 1 ethics)

Wilkes-Barre

Social Security Disability — The Basics, Nov. 12, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., 4 substantive CLE Credits

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<i>Allentown</i>	<i>Media</i>
<i>Clarion</i>	<i>Montrose</i>
<i>Doylestown</i>	<i>New Castle</i>
<i>Easton</i>	<i>Reading</i>
<i>Erie</i>	<i>Scranton</i>
<i>Hollidaysburg</i>	<i>Somerset</i>
<i>Indiana</i>	<i>State College</i>
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<i>Lancaster</i>	<i>West Chester</i>
<i>Lewisburg</i>	<i>Williamsport</i>
<i>Mansfield</i>	<i>York</i>

Damages: Tactics in Personal Injury and Death Cases, Nov. 28, 2001, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 6 CLE Credits (5 substantive, 1 ethics)

Williamsport

Business Divorce — Breaking Up is Hard to Do, Dec. 4, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 6 CLE Credits (5 substantive, 1 ethics)

Doylestown

Taxes Affecting Decedents' Estates — 2001, Dec. 5, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 6 CLE Credits (5 substantive, 1 ethics)

Scranton

Annual Auto Law Update — 2001, Dec. 11, 2001, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 3 substantive CLE Credits

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<i>Allentown</i>	<i>Media</i>
<i>Chambersburg</i>	<i>New Castle</i>
<i>Clarion</i>	<i>Reading</i>
<i>Doylestown</i>	<i>State College</i>
<i>Erie</i>	<i>Stroudsburg</i>
<i>Greensburg</i>	<i>Uniontown</i>
<i>Indiana</i>	<i>Warren</i>
<i>Johnstown</i>	<i>West Chester</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Williamsport</i>
<i>Lancaster</i>	<i>York</i>
<i>Mansfield</i>	

Preparing LLC Documents in Pennsylvania, Dec. 19, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 3 substantive CLE Credits

Unit County Dues Drop

Reminder: The drop date for PBA unit county members is Oct. 31, 2001. Any attorney who is a PBA member from a unit county, and has not paid their 2001 dues by October 31, will be dropped from the PBA's membership roles. If you have any questions regarding membership rosters or dues payments, please contact Cherie Reigel in the PBA Finance Department at (800) 932-0311, ext. 2287.

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