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Applications Wanted for Project PEACE Training

The Pennsylvania Bar Association/Foundation and Attorney General Mike Fisher are accepting applications for the fifth annual Project PEACE training conference to be held March 12-13, 2004, in Altoona.

All schools, regardless of socioeconomic status, diversity and location, have been forced by outbreaks of school violence to confront how conflict is handled in our society. Schools have sought to find ways to deter violence and bring about peace in the hearts and minds of students.

Project PEACE works to reduce violence in Pennsylvania's elementary schools by teaching students how to positively confront conflict and handle disagreements peacefully. It empowers younger children with important life-skills that promote constructive communication, problem-solving, critical-thinking and self-esteem. Children become active participants in promoting positive behavior in their classrooms and beyond 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 a 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 vs. mediation, diffusing conflict situations and the skills

of conflict resolution. At the end of the training, schools write their own mediation plans, which are implemented in their local schools. The schools select and train their student mediators, and the student mediators then begin helping fellow students resolve disputes peacefully.

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

general. Project PEACE is celebrating its fifth year in Pennsylvania.

If you know of any elementary schools that might be interested in applying to attend the Project PEACE training conference, please share this information with them. Applications are available on the PBA Web site or by calling (800) 932-0311, Ext. 2236. For more information, contact PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Keller Trevaskis at the number above or by e-mail at david.trevaskis@pabar.org. □

Project PEACE Frequently Asked Questions

Who Can Apply? All public, private & parochial elementary schools may apply.

How Many Schools Will Be Selected? Twelve elementary schools will be selected to attend the training conference — one school from each of the bar association's geographic zones.

Who Attends the Training? A school team must be composed of the following five individuals: one school administrator; one educator; one guidance counselor or a second educator; one parent; and one local attorney.

When & Where is the Training? The Project PEACE training conference will be held March 12-13, 2004, at the Ramada Inn, Altoona, Pa.

What Costs are Involved? All costs associated with meals, lodging and training materials will be covered by the PBA and the Office of Attorney General. Selected schools will only be responsible for travel costs to and from Altoona.

When & How Will Schools be Notified of Acceptance? All application materials are due no later than Nov. 1, 2003. The selection committee then will review the applications and notify all schools in writing whether or not they have been accepted by Dec. 1, 2003.

38th Annual Conference of County Bar Leaders - March 4-6, 2004

**38th Annual Seminar of the
Conference of County Bar Leaders
March 4-6, 2004
Hershey Lodge & Convention Center**

Plans are underway for the 38th Annual Seminar of the Conference of County Bar Leaders to be held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, March 5-6, 2004. 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.

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Hotel Reservations

Call toll-free at (800) 533-3311, or FAX (717) 534-8668. To receive the group rate of \$115 (plus applicable taxes), make your reservation by Sunday, Jan. 16, 2004, and mention that you are attending the PBA CCBL Seminar.

CCBL Scholarships Are Available

Tuition scholarships are available to county bar leaders who want to attend the 38th Annual Seminar of the CCBL but don't have the available funds.

PBA County Bar Recognition Awards

The PBA County Bar Recognition Awards recognize outstanding projects and activities conducted by county bar associations during the 2003 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

The Gilbert Nurick Award was established in 1991. It signifies outstanding contributions to and leadership in bar activities. The award recognizes the honoree, who must be a PBA member, for dedication to and promotion of the organized bar resulting in improved leadership for incoming bar association officers. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, Jan. 30, 2004.

The Chief Justice John P. Flaherty Award

The CCBL Executive Committee created the Chief Justice John P. Flaherty Award in 2001 in recognition of the Chief Justice's efforts to encourage the work of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and its Conference of County Bar Leaders. The award is given to a qualified Pennsylvania Bar Association member to recognize an outstanding effort to promote the objects and purposes of the Conference of County Bar Leaders and to improve the legal profession, the justice system or the community. The award need not be given on an annual basis, but rather when the effort should be recognized. If you feel there is a member of your bar association worthy of this award, please complete the entry form and return it to the Pennsylvania Bar Association by Friday, Jan. 30, 2004. You may attach a current biography and any other relevant materials.

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, Jan. 30, 2004.

Nomination forms for all three awards are available online at www.pabar.org/ccblhome.shtml.

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 at www.pabar.org.

Preliminary Schedule of Events

38th Annual Conference of County Bar Leaders - March 4-6, 2004

Thursday, March 4, 2004

9:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Early Bird Registration and Beer, Wine & Cheese Reception

Friday, March 5, 2004

8:30 a.m.

Registration and PBA Supermarket

8:50 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

CCBL Orientation and PBA Presidents' Roundtable

*All county bar presidents are invited to have coffee with PBA President Golden and President-elect Reed. Introduction and comments by CCBL President Upor.

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Avoiding Malpractice Claims

Moderator: Francis X. O'Connor, Esq.
Panelists: Professional Liability Program Committee

Conference members who attend this presentation will receive up to a 5% discount on their PBA-endorsed malpractice insurance, plus 1.5 hours of CLE ethics credit.

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Leadership & Training

Moderators: Samuel D. Miller III, Esq.
Alfred Jones Jr., Esq.

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Kick-Off Luncheon

Presiding: Sandra Weyant Upor, Esq.,
President, Conference of
County Bar Leaders

Welcome: President, Dauphin County
Bar Association

Silent Invocation

Presentation of Gilbert Nurick Award

Presentation of Chief Justice John P.

Flaherty Award

Presentation of Arthur J. Birdsall Award

Introduction of Speaker:

Thomas M. Golden, Esq., President,
Pennsylvania Bar Association

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Hotel Check-in Break and Networking Session

If you are receiving a County Bar Recognition Award, please be sure to have your photograph taken.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

THREE BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

1. Diversity Program

Moderator: Samuel T. Cooper III, Esq.

2. Disciplinary Board Information Program

Moderator: Francis X. O'Connor, Esq.

Conference members who attend this presentation will receive 1.0 hour of CLE substantive credit.

3. When a Major Event Hits/Bar Press

Moderator: Terry Weiler, Esq.

2:45 p.m.

PBA YLD Business Meeting

3:05 p.m. - 4:05 p.m.

THREE BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

1. Unauthorized Practice of Law

Moderator: Samuel D. Miller III, Esq.

Conference members who attend this presentation will receive 1.0 hour of CLE substantive credit.

2. The Relationships Between Bar Exec., Officers & Board

Moderator: Barbara I. Kittrell

3. Legislative Activities and the PABAR-PAC

Moderator: Ken Vasil, Esq.

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION:

Dealing With The Media

Moderator: Michele Dawson, Esq.
William Z. Scott, Esq.

6:45 p.m.

Reception

9:00 p.m. – 11:00p.m.

Entertainment: The Bar Flies, Westmoreland Bar Association

Saturday, March 6, 2004

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

FOUR NETWORKING BREAKFAST MEETINGS (small, medium, large and metro bars)

Small Bar Breakfast (for bar associations of 75 or fewer members)

Moderators: Francis X. O'Connor, Esq.
William Z. Scott, Esq.

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

FOUR NETWORKING BREAKFAST MEETINGS (small, medium, large and metro bars), *continued*

Medium Bar Breakfast (for bar associations of 76-499 members)

Moderators: Alfred Jones Jr., Esq.
Ken Vasil, Esq.

Large Bar Breakfast (for bar associations of 500-3,000 members)

Moderators: Samuel D. Miller III, Esq.
Terry Weiler, Esq.

Metro Bar Breakfast (for bar associations of more than 3,000 members)

Moderators: David Blaner, Exec. Director,
Allegheny Co. Bar Assn.
Kenneth Shear, Exec. Director,
Philadelphia Bar Assn.

*Please attend the breakfast to which you are assigned by the letter indicated on your name badge. "S" indicates small bar breakfast, "M" indicates medium bar breakfast, "L" indicates large bar breakfast and "MB" indicates metro bar breakfast.

9:05 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

Joint CCBL/YLD/New Admittee Program

Moderator: James Wells, Esq.

10:05 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Bar Leader Forum/Business Meeting

Moderator: Sandra W. Upor, Esq., CCBL
President

County Bar Recognition Awards to be picked up. Recipients are listed in the back of the program book.

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Quality of Life Program

Moderator: Terry Weiler, Esq.

Conference members who attend this presentation will receive 1.5 hours of CLE ethics credit.

11:45 a.m.

Getaway Buffet

11:45 a.m.

CCBL Executive Committee Meeting

Look for more details, including session descriptions, in the January 2004 issue of The County Line.



On the *Local Scene*...

Allegheny

End-of-Life Issues Seminar

In September, the Young Lawyers Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association joined the Mercy Hospital Medical Ethics Committee and the End of Life Partnership of Western Pennsylvania to host a free seminar on living wills and end-of-life issues, entitled "Take Charge of Your Life." An attorney from the ACBA was the featured speaker.

Beaver

Big Brothers Big Sisters Day

The Beaver County Bar Association sponsored "Lawyer Big for A Day," an event designed to teach children in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County program about the county jail and courthouse. The BCBA also provided breakfast and lunch for the children and made a \$500 donation to the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Berks

Community Education Seminars

The Berks County Bar Association recently presented "Bringing the Law to You," a series of community education seminars presented free to the public. Topics included "Starting Your Own Business" and "Legal Perils of Cohabitation."

Bucks

Law Day Poster Contest

As part of their Law Day activities, the Butler County Bar Association sponsored a poster contest for area fifth graders. The theme for the contest was "Patriotic Symbols," and the winning poster, chosen by the bar association, featured an American Eagle.

Cumberland

Digital Child ID System

The Cumberland County Bar Association and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office recently debuted a new digital child identification system. This new card is the same size as a credit card and

includes a photograph of the child, a right thumbprint and information such as height, weight and address. The information collected from the different events held throughout the county will be kept on a disk at the sheriff's office. If a child becomes lost or missing, this information can be used to create a missing child flyer. The CCBA has completed over 200 child ID cards to date.

Dauphin

Membership Survey

The Dauphin County Bar Association has released results of its latest membership survey, a follow-up to the 1997 survey. Feedback was solicited on topics including demographics, participation level and programs and services. The survey produced several recommendations for consideration by the association's board of directors.

People's Law School

The Young Lawyers Section of the Dauphin County Bar Association will present a People's Law School, Wednesday evenings from Sept. 24 through Nov. 12, at Harrisburg Community College. The eight-week program is designed to share the experience of practicing lawyers with the public. The two-hour classes include criminal law, the court system, family law, vehicle law, consumer law, estate planning and administration and employment law.

Young Lawyers Division Award

The DCBA presented David E. Lehman with its Angelo Skarlatos Award for Lehman's support of the Young Lawyers Division programs and members.

Delaware

Slave Court Book Restoration

The Delaware County Bar Association has recently completed the restoration of a record of court cases that dates to Colonial times. The Slave Court book, written with quill pens, recorded a time when slaves were not permitted to be tried in

the same court as free persons. The period comprises an ugly chapter in American history, but it is seen as a valuable piece of history worth preserving and a vital link in doing justice to Delaware County's past. The Slave Court book had been missing for centuries, but in 1941 came into the possession of lawyer Alexander Geary, who returned it to the county.

"The plan is to put the book in a portable display case so it can be taken to various libraries and schools throughout the county and put on display and an explanation given by one of our members as to just what it represents," said attorney O. Warren Higgins, chairman of the bar's historical records committee.

Bench Bar Conference

Members of the Delaware County Bar Association recently gathered for a three-day Bench Bar conference, designed to provide education and to improve the working relationship between members of the bench and of the bar. At the conference, the DCBA presented the following awards: the Donald J. Orlowsky Memorial Award to Judge Edward Zetusky Jr. for his contribution to the improvement and fostering of good Bench Bar relations; the E. Wallace Chadwick Memorial Award to Judge Francis Catania in recognition of his services to the legal profession in the furtherance of intraprofessional development, communication and education; and the Nicholas D. Vadino Jr. Memorial Award to Constanine Economides for significant contributions by a young lawyer to the organized bar.

Free Tax Help for Returning Troops

The Delaware County Bar Association, in cooperation with Neumann College, is offering a program to prepare free tax returns for all returning troops who are residents of the county and who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan.



Erie

Attorneys & Kids Together Activities

The Erie County Bar Association's AKT (Attorneys & Kids Together) community project recently included the following activities for attorneys and the homeless children they mentor: dinners at two casual dining restaurants to model and learn the importance of appropriate appearance and behavior in public; shopping for new clothing, shoes and a haircut to show how a neat appearance can boost self-esteem; and finally, outings to a science program at the Mercy Center and to the Carnegie Science Center. Members of the ECBA also make financial donations to the AKT project.

Fayette

Chandelier Restoration

The Law Library Committee of the Fayette County Bar Association funded the restoration and hanging of a 76-year-old chandelier in its new location in the county law library. The six-foot-tall, 250-pound fixture had been stored in the county assessment office, where it was not being used.

Lackawanna

People's Law School

The Lackawanna Bar Association joined with the Lackawanna College Continuing Education Department to present their annual People's Law School. The programs included decisions of the Supreme Court in its most-recent term, workplace discrimination and disability law, and basics in child custody.

Outstanding Youth Award

The Young Lawyers Division of the Lackawanna Bar Association recently presented its Outstanding Youth 2003 award to Olivia C. Jones of Spring Brook Township.

Lancaster

People's Law School

The Lancaster Bar Association recently sponsored a People's Law School. This

year's program was geared toward social service agencies and was designed to provide basic information about legal principles relating to such subjects as HIPPA compliance; confidentiality and employment law, board memberships; wills, estates and elder law; elder law advocacy and family law.

Lehigh

Joint Meeting with County Medical Society

The Bar Association of Lehigh County and the Lehigh County Medical Society held their 52nd annual joint dinner meeting in September. The program topic was "Medical Preparedness for Chemical or Biological Release in the Lehigh Valley." Following a social hour and dinner, the meeting programs focus on topics of mutual interest to both the medical and legal communities.

McKean

50-Year Member Honored

The McKean County Bar Association sponsored a dinner in honor of Judge Glen E. Mencer's 50 years in the bar. The Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania held a special session to honor Mencer, the only surviving member of the first panel of judges appointed to the court in 1968.

Montgomery

District Court Judges Reception

The Federal Court Practice Committee and the Young Lawyers Division of the Montgomery Bar Association held a breakfast reception welcoming several U.S. District Court judges and the clerk of court. Members of the court provided insights on new developments such as electronic filing, and participation in reviewing the court's new proposals.

Delaware Valley Legal Expo

The Delaware Valley Legal Expo 2003 will be held on Oct. 29, 2003, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Ft. Washington Expo Center. There will be 70 vendors

gathered in one location to bring updated technology and services to law practices. Information on insurance and financial services, computer software and hardware options; case management and legal research; copy, telephone and computer equipment; furniture; office maintenance and computer supplies will be available. The Expo is a joint effort of the Montgomery Bar Association and the Independence Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators. For more information, contact Donna M. DellaPolla at (610) 279-9660 Ext. 204 or visit the MBA Web site at www.montgomerybar.org.

Monroe

Bench Bar Conference

The Monroe County Bar Association held their annual Bench Bar Conference in September. The conference included four CLE programs that qualified for three substantive and one ethics CLE credits.

Northampton

Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day

Members of the Northampton County Bar Association and their children joined with Northampton County Government Center employees and their children to take part in the national Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day. The county saw 125 adults and children participate in their inaugural program, which took place in the jury lounge of the county government center. Judges Edward G. Smith and William F. Moran; Susan Hutnik, chair of the NCBA Young Lawyers Division, and Jeffrey Guth presented a half-day program on the history and meaning of the day, which also included information on careers in the legal profession, the importance of career planning, a mock trial, a tour of the government center – and lunch.

Law Day Mock Trial

The Young Lawyers Division of Northampton County Bar Association

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saw attendance at this year's Law Day mock trial triple over that of last year, forcing some students to sit on the floor of the county's largest courtroom. Nearly 600 students turned out to hear a presentation from Judge Edward G. Smith — which was interrupted by a staged purse snatching. The alleged thief was tried during the mock trial and found to be "not guilty" by a jury of 12 students. In other courtrooms, presentations by the county sheriff's department, public defenders, assistant district attorneys and representatives of county government took place. Law Day chair William Harris credited Smith for the increased turnout. He personally solicited teachers, urging them to be part of the event. Smith also presided over the mock trial.

Schuylkill

Scholarship Applications Sought

The Schuylkill County Bar Association solicited applications from county students attending law schools for its scholarship funds. Last year, awards were made to 25 students.

Washington

Bench Bar Conference

"Viva Las Vegas!" was the theme for the Washington County Bar Association's 16th annual Summer Bench Bar Conference, held August 6-11 at Treasure Island in Las Vegas. Thirty members — as well as a few attorneys from Westmoreland and Allegheny counties — and their families attended the event. One of the six "Ethics in Sin City" CLE seminars was presented by former PBA President Reg Belden and USI Colburn representative Don Ivoll.

Softball Challenge Fundraiser

The sixth annual WCBA YLD vs. Senior Bar Softball Challenge was held on September 4. This year's event was also a "charity challenge" with the two teams raising funds for designated charities (CASA for Kids Inc. and the Washington Women's Shelter). More than 150 people

— including bar members' families and friends, agency representatives, and courthouse personnel — cheered on their favorite team and enjoyed a free picnic.

The WCBA "lost" the sixth annual WCBA vs. County Commissioners and Employees Blood Drive Challenge, also in September. The trophy went home — for the sixth straight year — with the county (WCBA has 300 members, the county has 1,000 employees). The real "winner" was the Central Blood Bank and its network of 40 regional hospitals. This year's event was a replenishment drive for a juvenile probation officer's son who has a form of lymphoma and requires extensive blood products.

On Sept. 22, the WCBA, the Washington County Bar Foundation, the Washington County Community Foundation, the United Way of Washington County and Washington & Jefferson College's Office of Lifelong Learning hosted a legal issues workshop for non-profit organizations. The Bar and Community foundations provided \$1,000 in scholarships to qualifying non-profit organizations to facilitate their participation in the event.

Wilkes-Barre/Luzerne

Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Funds raised at the recent the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association/Luzerne County Bar summer outing and golf tournament were donated to the Luzerne County Victims Resource Center. More than 145 lawyers, judges, district justices, county officials and "dignitaries" from the Pennsylvania Bar Association attended the event.

50-Year Members Honored

As part of their Law Day activities, the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association/Luzerne County Bar honored five members for their 50 years of service. The association also presented awards to retiring Luzerne County Judge Patrick J. Toole Jr. and to Pennsylvania Homeland Security Secretary Keith Martin.

Law Day Display

Members of the Young Lawyers Division of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association/Luzerne County Bar celebrated Law Day with a display at the Wyoming Valley Mall. The lawyers distributed brochures on various legal topics and had a replica of the U.S. Constitution for children to sign. Members of the YLD also recently served as sponsors for the day at the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen.

The following bar associations gave awards or scholarships to graduating high school seniors at the end of this academic year:

- The Berks County Bar Association to Melina R. Forte of Kutztown Area High School.
- The Blair County Bar Association to Emily Worthing of Bellwood-Antis High School.
- The Carbon County Bar Association to Michael Shafer of Palmerton Area High School.
- The Lawrence County Bar Association to Brandon Johns of Laurel High School.
- The Westmoreland County Bar Association to Andrew Nogasky of Greensburg Salem High School and Anthony J. Bressi of Greensburg Central Catholic High School — both boys were participants in the countywide mock trial competition.



The following bar associations awarded scholarships to law school students:

- The Erie County Bar Association to J. Todd Dipre, who attends Dayton School of Law; Melody L. Hanisek and Jillian Nolan, who attend Duquesne School of Law; and Sarah Walcavich, who attends Georgetown University Law Center.
- The Westmoreland County Bar Foundation's Wayne R. Donahue Memorial Scholarship to Amber Marol, who attends the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. □

Public Interest: A-Through-Z

The Dauphin County Bar Association's Pro Bono Program hired their first public services coordinator, Sandra Ballard, in January. Ballard was the former executive director of the Philadelphia Bar Association Homeless Advocacy Project. In addition to running the Pro Bono Program, her responsibilities include the Lawyer Referral Service and the new Alternative Dispute Resolution Program.

"It's all about increasing access to justice," she says.

The DCBA recently tallied their public interest and pro bono activities with a list that goes from A to Z:

April annual awards reception was held to thank pro bono participants.

Bankruptcy Rooster Project was launched in May to recruit Middle District bankruptcy attorneys who are willing to assist *pro se* petitioners when contacted by Judge France.

Custody clinics staffed mostly by state government attorneys and law students are held once a month to assist *pro se* plaintiffs. Custody Modification Clinics are held six times a year.

Divorce clinics are held on an as needed basis.

Expedited docket is offered to pro bono attorneys to minimize their time commitment.

Free food at regular gatherings (April and September CLEs and June and November Rap Sessions) is provided as a way to thank pro bono participants.

Great cooperation and support from bench, bar, Legal Services and the PBA's pro bono coordinator, David Trevaskis.

Honor roll of pro bono participants for prior year was displayed at the bar association office, listed on the PBA and DCBA Web sites and included in the DCBA newsletter. Monthly honor roll is listed in each DCBA newsletter.

Interns provide much-needed help to the Pro Bono Program.

Judicial support was emphasized in a letter from the president judge signed by all members of the bench and mailed to all 1,400 members of the DCBA.

Kisses (donated by Hershey's) in Legal Services mug are used as small token of appreciation.

Lost Boys of Sudan Legal Liaison Project was launched to assist 40 refugees as they attempt to start a new life in Harrisburg.

Manual for pro bono participants modeled after one from Illinois was created by pro bono intern.

Number of people assisted from January to August: 211.

Office of General Counsel attorneys are involved and encouraged by the general counsel and an official policy encouraging pro bono service.

Paralegal Screening Project launched in September to use volunteer paralegals to assist Legal Services staff in obtaining background information and in screening cases.

Questionnaires were sent to 1,400 DCBA members to obtain feedback on pro bono program. Surveys are also used at clinics and sent to clients when the matter is closed.

Rap session was held in June to bring together pro bono attorneys and Legal Services staff to discuss issues, ideas and ways to improve.

Success stories are included in each quarterly newsletter to highlight the types of matters handled by pro bono attorneys.

Turns are taken alphabetically for pro bono appointments.

Unique method is used to ensure that each DCBA member is given the opportunity to do pro bono work.

Value of pro bono attorneys' participation for January to August estimated at \$176,400.

Wide discussion of ways to attack the Family Law Deficit (outlined in excellent December 2002 ABA report) was held at Family Law Section meeting in March 2003.

Xtra help is offered by the "Dirty Dozen," expert family law practitioners who are willing to jump in on an emergency basis.

Your Pro Bono Questions" is a regular feature in DCBA monthly newsletter.

Zillions of good ideas are shared and discussed with other pro bono coordinators across the country. □

Sandra Ballard can be reached at the Dauphin County Bar Association at (717) 232-7536, or at sandy@dcba-pa.org.

PBA Fall Malpractice Avoidance Seminar Schedule

For more information, contact PBA County Bar Services Director Art Birdsall at (800) 932-0311, Ext. 2218, or call the number provided with each county's listing.

LANCASTER

Lancaster Bench Bar
Oct. 10, 9:15 a.m.
Madison Hotel, 15th & M Sts. NW,
Washington, DC
(717) 393-0737
Live presentation, 1.0 credit hour

LEHIGH

Lehigh County Bench Bar
Oct. 24, 4:00 p.m.
Park Central Hotel, 870 7th Ave.,
New York, NY
(610) 433-6204
Live presentation, 1.0 credit hour

CRAWFORD

October 27, 3:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express, 18240 Conneaut
Lake, Meadville
(814) 724-6012
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

VENANGO

Oct. 28, 9:00 a.m.
Arlington Hotel, 1 Seneca Street,
Oil City
(814) 677-1221
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

WARREN

Oct. 28, 2:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn, 210 Ludlow Street,
Warren
(814) 437-3031
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

McKEAN

Oct. 29, 9:00 a.m.
McKean County Courthouse
Commissioners Office, Main Street,
Smethport
(814) 887-5571
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

POTTER

Oct. 29, 2:00 p.m.
Laurel Woods, Rt. 6,
East Coudersport
(814) 274-9220
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

CAMERON

Oct. 30, 9:00 a.m.
Office of Paul Malizia, 25 E. Fourth St.,
Emporium
(814) 486-1181
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

ELK

October 30, 2:00 p.m.
Bavarian Inn, 33 S. St. Marys Street,
St. Marys
(814) 834-2161
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

SCHUYLKILL

Schuylkill County Bench Bar
Oct. 30, 1:00 p.m.
Schuylkill Country Club,
Orwigsburg
CD-ROM presentation

MERCER

Nov. 3, 3:00 p.m.
Quality Inn, 3200 S. Hermitage Road,
Hermitage
(800) 257-3776
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

LAWRENCE

Nov. 4, 9:00 a.m.
Chuck Tanner's Restaurant,
2300 Wilmington Road,
New Castle
(724) 658-5900
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

BUTLER

Nov. 4, 2:00 p.m.
Days Inn, 139 E. Pittsburgh Road,
Butler
(724) 287-6761
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

BEAVER

Nov. 5, 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Bar Headquarters, 788 Turnpike Street,
Beaver
(724) 728-7622
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

ARMSTRONG

Nov. 6, 9:00 a.m.
Royal Allegheny, 411 Butler Road,
Kittanning
(724) 545-2122
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

INDIANA

Nov. 6, 1:30 p.m.
Rustic Lodge, 2025 Route 286,
South Indiana
(724) 545-2122
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

BEDFORD

Nov. 10, 3:00 p.m.
Hampton Inn, 4325 Business 220,
Bedford
(814) 624-0101
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

CAMBRIA

Nov. 11, 9:00 a.m.
Comfort Inn, 455 Theatre Drive,
Johnstown
(814) 266-3678
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

SOMERSET

Nov. 11, 2:00 p.m.
Ramada Inn, Exit 10 - PA Turnpike,
Somerset
(814) 443-4646
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

WESTMORELAND

Nov. 12, 9:00 a.m.
Bar Headquarters, 129 N. Penna Ave.,
Greensburg
(724) 834-6730
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

WASHINGTON

Nov. 12, 2:00 p.m.
Bar Hqtrs., 523 Washington Trust Bldg.,
Washington
(724) 225-6710
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

FAYETTE

Nov. 13, 9:00 a.m.
Holiday Inn, 700 W. Main St.,
Uniontown
(724) 437-2816
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

PBA Fall Malpractice Avoidance Seminar Schedule

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Nov. 13, 2:00 p.m.
County Office, Bldg. 93, E. High Street,
Waynesburg
(724) 852-5223
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

CLARION

Nov. 17, 1:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn, Rt. 68 and I-80,
Clarion
(814) 226-8850
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

JEFFERSON

Nov. 18, 9:00 a.m.
Days Inn, 230 Allegheny Blvd.,
Brookville
(814) 849-8001
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

CLEARFIELD

Nov. 18, 2:00 p.m.
Comfort Inn, Industrial Park Road,
Clearfield
(814) 768-6400
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

YORK

Nov. 20, 11:45 a.m.
Yorktowne Hotel, 48 E. Market Street,
York
(717) 854-9172
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

MONTGOMERY

Dec. 2, 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Bar Headquarters, 100 West Airy St.,
Norristown
(610) 279-9660
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

ERIE

Annual Meeting
Dec. 3, 3:45 p.m.
Clarion Bel-Aire Hotel,
2800 W. 8th Street, Erie
(814) 459-3111
CD-ROM presentation, 1.0 credit hour

DAUPHIN

Dec. 5, 9:00 a.m.
Bar Headquarters, 213 North Front St.,
Harrisburg
(717) 234-7636
CD-ROM presentation, 1.0 credit hour

CLINTON

Dec. 9, 9:00 a.m.
Best Western Inn, 101 E. Walnut St.,
Lock Haven
(570) 748-3297
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

CENTRE

Dec. 9, 2:00 p.m.
Days Inn, 240 S. Pugh St.,
State College
(814) 238-8454
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

BLAIR

Dec. 10, 9:00 a.m.
Ramada Inn, 1 Sheraton Drive,
Altoona
(814) 946-1631
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

HUNTINGDON

Dec. 10, 2:00 p.m.
Days Inn, Route 22 & 4th Street,
Huntingdon
(814) 643-3934
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

FULTON

Dec. 11, 9:00 a.m.
Fulton Co. National Bank,
100 Lincoln Way,
East McConnellsburg
(717) 485-3144
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

MIFFLIN

Dec. 11, 2:00 p.m.
Clarion Inn, Route 322, Burnham
(717) 248-4961
CD-ROM presentation, 1.5 credit hours

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Fort Washington

Hands-On PowerPoint for Lawyers,
Wed., Oct. 22, 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.,
4 CLE credits (3 substantive, 1 ethics)

Williamsport

Intervention – 401,
Fri., Oct. 24, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.,
3 ethics CLE credits

Plymouth Meeting

7th Annual Family Law Update,
Fri., Oct. 31, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,
4 substantive CLE credits

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Allentown	Mill Hall
Bellefonte	Montrose
Chambersburg	New Castle
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Hollidaysburg	Villanova
Honesdale	Warren
Indiana	Waynesburg
Johnstown	West Chester
Lancaster	West Decatur
Lewisburg	Williamsport
Mansfield	York
Media	

Trial of a Sexual Harassment Case,
Wed., Nov. 5, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
6 substantive CLE credits

Malvern

Drafting Marital Settlement Agreements,
Wed., Nov. 12, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
6 substantive CLE credits

Allentown

Tax Aspects of Litigation & Dispute Settlements,
Thurs., Nov. 13, 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.,
2 substantive CLE credits

Johnstown

Intervention – 401,
Fri., Nov. 14, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.,
3 ethics CLE credits

Malvern

The Basics of Employment Law,
Tues., Nov. 18, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
6 substantive CLE credits

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Hollidaysburg	Somerset
Honesdale	Stroudsburg
Indiana	Uniontown
Johnstown	Warren
Kingston	Waynesburg
Lancaster	West Chester
Lewisburg	West Decatur
Mansfield	Williamsport
Media	York

7th Annual Family Law Update,
Wed., Nov., 19, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,
4 substantive CLE credits

West Conshohocken

Auto Law Update,
Fri., Nov. 21, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.,
3 substantive CLE credits

Scranton

Auto Law Update,
Thurs., Dec. 4, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.,
3 substantive CLE credits

Plymouth Meeting

Bankruptcy and Personal Injury: When the Two Worlds Collide,
Fri., Dec. 5, 12:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.,
3 substantive CLE credits

Doylestown

Intervention – 401,
Fri., Dec. 12, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.,
3 ethics CLE credits

LIVE VIA SATELLITE

Allentown	Lewisburg
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Erie	Reading
Greensburg	Schuylkill Haven
Hollidaysburg	Stroudsburg
Honesdale	Uniontown
Indiana	Villanova
Johnstown	Warren
Kingston	West Chester
Lancaster	Williamsport

Pennsylvania LLC Documents,
Wed., Dec. 17, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.,
3 substantive CLE credits

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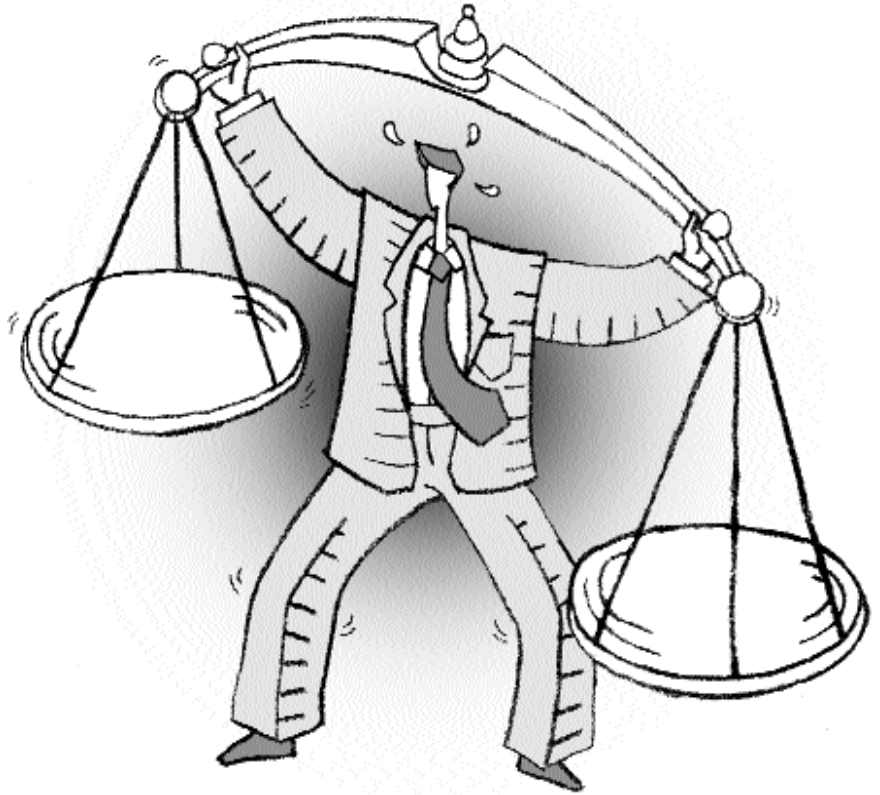
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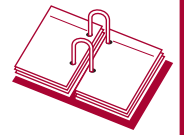
Updated “Guide to Legal Issues for Pennsylvania Senior Citizens” Available Free to County Bar Associations and their Members

The Pennsylvania Bar Association encourages county bar associations and their members to obtain free copies of the popular “Guide to Legal Issues for Pennsylvania Senior Citizens,” which has been updated for 2003 by the PBA’s Senior Lawyers Committee. The guide is designed to provide information about legal issues faced by Pennsylvania’s older residents and their caregivers. The guide offers basic information, points out various services and ways to access them, and outlines areas that may require specific legal advice or expertise, given each individual’s needs.

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PBA Day on the Hill
October 21, 2003
 Whitaker Center
 Harrisburg

PBA Committee/Section Day
November 20, 2003
 Holiday Inn East
 Harrisburg

PBA House of Delegates Meeting
November 21, 2003
 Harrisburg Marriott
 Harrisburg

PBA Midyear Meeting
January 21-25, 2004
 The Breakers
 Palm Beach, Florida
Brochure and registration available at www.pabar.org.

38th Annual Conference of County Bar Leaders and YLD New Admittee Conference
March 4-6, 2004
 Hershey Lodge and Convention Center
 Hershey

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