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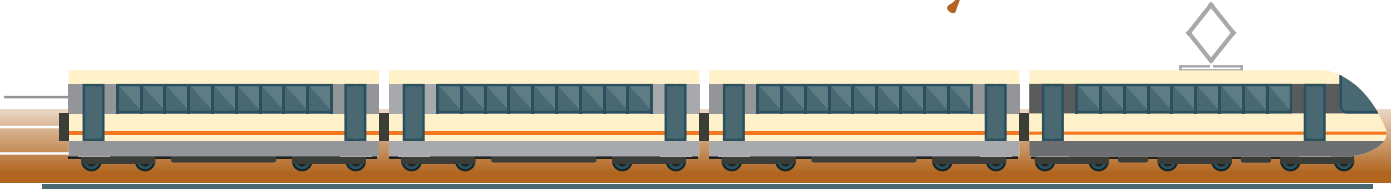


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PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION

2017 Conference of County Bar Leaders



Feb. 23-25, 2017
Nittany Lion Inn
State College, PA

Conference registration deadline:
Feb. 3, 2017

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Book your room by Jan. 23, 2017
to get the group rate!

Get On Board (the Leadership Train)!

“Get on Board (the Leadership Train)!” is the theme of the 51st annual Conference of County Bar Leaders, Feb. 23 – 25, 2017, in State College. We are excited to welcome back Dr. G. Terry Madonna for another informative keynote presentation at lunch. The CCBL executive committee has developed timely and relevant CLE programming. Most importantly, there will be plenty of fun and opportunities to network. Whether you are a current county bar president, other officer, board member, young lawyer chair, section chair, executive director, or hope to be a future leader, you will not want to miss this CCBL!

You may wish to arrive early Thursday afternoon to attend the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) Inc. reception, which will be held at the Penn State Law Lewis Katz Building. The PLAN reception is a great way to connect with other bar leaders who support PLAN’s mission and work. Then, gather with friends, new and old, back at the Nittany Lion Inn for a welcome social.

Friday morning, I invite you to “Get on the Leadership Train” with me when we will kick off a full day of CLE programming beginning with the Hon. Matt Cartwright, as he shares examples of his use of advocacy and leadership skills transcended from a trial practice onto the legislative process in the United States House of Representatives. Check out the schedule of events inside to see the full listing of CLE program options. Friday night will again offer a casual and relaxed night of fun and comradery that includes trivia, the return of the popular photo booth, dancing and other games! On Saturday morning, you will be able to network over a hot breakfast, as well as earn two additional CLE credits before heading home.

Your registration fee includes all meals and Friday night’s entertainment, as well as up to 8 CLE credits. County bar presidents and executive directors who are PBA unit counties, please remember you are entitled to a special benefit of a \$50 discount on up to three registrations.

Make your reservations today! **The registration deadline is Feb. 3, 2017. Be sure to book your room at the Nittany Lion Inn before Jan. 23, 2017 in order to get our group rate.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Susan Etter at the PBA at 800.932.0311, ext. 2256.

I look forward to seeing you in State College!

William L. J. Burke, Esq.
CCBL President



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Thursday, February 23, 2017

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Synergy of County Bar Association Pro Bono & Legal Aid

(CLE credit: 1.0 ethics)

This roundtable discussion will highlight the partnership between the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, as well as many of the partnerships between local bar associations and local legal aid programs, in promoting pro bono services. This session will explore why legal aid and access to justice for the neediest among us requires such partnerships and why pro bono alone is insufficient.

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Conference of County Legal Journals

This session will provide valuable updates on recent discussions with the PA Treasury Department regarding Unclaimed Property Notices, as well as ongoing proposed legislation which may change future public notice advertising. Find out why EVERY BAR should be uploading legal ads to our statewide website www.palegalads.org. CCLJ wants to be proactive and the inclusive repository of all legal ad information for Pennsylvania.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PLAN Reception

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Early Bird Registration

9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Welcome Social

Friday February 24, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Registration

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PBA Supermarket and Vendor Fair

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast



8:20 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

Get on the Leadership Train from the Courtroom to Congress

(CLE credit: 1.0 substantive)

Congressman Matt Cartwright will describe the use of advocacy and leadership skills transcended from a trial practice onto the active legislation in the United States House of Representatives. Your law practice and government service make a difference in people's lives and set a positive change in your community.

9:25 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Governance: Running a Successful Railroad

(CLE credit: 1.0 substantive)

Governance is a lot like running a railroad; there is a right way and a wrong way. Starting down the right track is essential for all bar association leaders. Learn the fundamentals of board governance; understand what is required from a legal perspective and how leadership implements the process correctly. Once the train is headed down the right track, learn some tips for keeping the train on the track and avoiding derailments. Aspects of foundations, board meetings, reporting and organization will be discussed. Punch your ticket and all aboard! It is going to be a fun trip!

10:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

YLD Business Meeting

10:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

Planning for Disaster

(CLE credit: 1.0 ethics)

I know. What a horrible title for a CLE program. No one will want to attend this program. No one wants to think about it. No one plans for the worst. Experts tell us, however, that it's not "if it happens, it's when it happens." Incidences of computer system hacking are on the rise, and lawyers and law firms are frequent targets. Don't let your train wreck before it leaves the station. Learn how to be prepared by having an Incident Response Plan. Learn about your legal obligations and the professional responsibilities you owe to your clients in the event of a breach in your computer system.

10:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

Coupling or Uncoupling the Cars—Bar Foundations and Bar Associations

(CLE credit: 1.0 substantive)

Bar associations are typically organized under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code and bar foundations under Section 501(c)(3). This session will explore the relationship between the association and foundation, relationships between staff, fiduciary responsibilities and how closely the two entities may work together to accomplish their distinct and separate missions.

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Awards Presentation, Featuring Keynote Speaker Dr. G. Terry Madonna

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Break and County Bar Recognition Award Photos

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

"Breaking Bad"

(CLE credit: 1.0 ethics)

Walter White, the protagonist of AMC's award-winning "Breaking Bad," is not a good role model for lawyers. But his fictional attorney Saul Goodman can



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be. This discussion-driven and TV-clip-filled CLE will teach you about the ethics of advertising, correspondence with current and prospective clients and other important topics for your practice. There will be no spoilers from “Better Call Saul,” but there may be spoilers from “Breaking Bad.”

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Create/Manage Your Investments to Keep Your Railroad Running

(CLE credit: 1.0 substantive)
Over 20 percent of the county bar associations reported having an investment fund. Most counties with investment funds reported having an investment committee manage their investment accounts. Is an investment committee necessary? If you have one or are thinking about starting one, how should it be structured? Who should make up an investment committee? What is the role of an investment manager, an investment advisor and a custodian of your funds? How do you grow your investment account? Finally, what is the ultimate use of your investment funds — why are you accumulating all of this money? Join the panel to learn answers to these questions plus other considerations and best practices that will help keep your association’s finances on track.

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Keeping the Diversity Train Moving Down the Tracks – How the PBA Can Help County Bar Association’s with Diversity Efforts

(CLE credit: 1.0 ethics)
The panel will discuss the programs and outreach efforts by the PBA and its committees to attract and include minority and diverse attorneys within the PBA. Gain insights into the actions county bar associations can take to increase participation among diverse and minority attorneys to develop more inclusive bar associations. Finally, the panel will discuss how the PBA and its various committees can assist the county bars in this effort.

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Speeding Down the Track

(CLE credit: 1.0 substantive)
Join us as we provide strategies to focus your bar association in the current environment and what it will take to prosper in the future. This discussion will enable bar leaders willing to embrace the challenges of leading a membership organization and serve its members with radical changes required to be relevant, including governance overhaul, empowering the leadership and enhancing staff competence, rigorously defining the member market, rationalizing programs and services, and building a robust technological framework. This topic is inspired by the popular books *Race for Relevance* and *Road to Relevance*, which are suggested reading for this CLE.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Hot Topics & Cold Drinks

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Break

7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Dinner and Game Night

Saturday, February 25, 2017

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Hot Breakfast Buffet

8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. CCBL Business Meeting

8:50 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Learn How to Use the Media to Your Advantage and Avoid Costly Train Wrecks

(CLE credit: 1.0 substantive)
Dealing with the media is a learned skill. It’s not always easy and is not without risk. This media training session is an overview designed to introduce you to the basic principles of dealing with print, digital and television reporters in interview situations. You will learn useful marketing and communications tools for lawyers, law firms or bar associations. The presenters will help you understand what reporters are interested in and why,

provide helpful techniques for dealing with reporters and their questions, and explain how to focus on the message you want to get across.

8:50 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Intervention Strategies for Helping Legal Professionals

(CLE credit: 1.0 ethics)
Lawyers have some of the highest rates of depression and problem drinking among all professionals. We will discuss why attorneys are so at-risk and describe the resources available for assisting colleagues and/or family members in distress within the framework of the motivational interviewing style.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Get on the Right Train and Productively Maneuver Your Practice onto the Destination of Success

(CLE credit: 1.0 substantive)
This fast-paced session will address the business and professional responsibilities that arise with the use of social media. Participants will discover ways to capitalize on the communication opportunities offered by social media to market their business and expand their potential client base. We will also provide tips on how to steer clear of the ethical pitfalls that social media can create.



Continuing Legal Education Arm of the Pennsylvania Bar Association

CLE Credits

The Pennsylvania Bar Institute is approved by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Continuing Legal Education Board as an accredited CLE provider. The PBA 2017 Conference of County Bar Leaders has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for up to 8 hours of CLE credits.

Nominations Due Jan. 13 for Birdsall, Flaherty, Nurick Awards

The PBA Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) is seeking nominations for the Arthur J. Birdsall, Chief Justice John P. Flaherty and Gilbert Nurick awards. The awards will be presented during the 51st annual meeting of the CCBL, Feb. 23 – 25, 2017, in State College.

- The **Arthur J. Birdsall Award** recognizes 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 CCBL the best it can be and who puts him- or herself second to the needs of the bar association. The award is named in honor of Arthur J. Birdsall, a past PBA county bar services director who retired in 2006 after nearly 40 years of support to local bar associations.
- The **Chief Justice John P. Flaherty Award** is presented in recognition of the Chief Justice's efforts to encourage the work of the PBA and the CCBL. The award is given to a qualified PBA member to recognize an outstanding effort to promote the objectives and purposes of the CCBL and to improve the legal profession, the justice system or the community.
- The **Gilbert Nurick Award**, which is named for the late Harrisburg lawyer who served as PBA president in 1967, is presented to any member of the PBA whose dedication and service to leadership and promotion of the organized bar and its activities have resulted in the enhancement of leadership for incoming bar association officers. The award is not given solely because the recipient has held and discharged with fidelity a high office or a variety of offices in the association.

A candidate may be nominated for more than one award. Those making nominations are reminded to review the award descriptions carefully to determine whether their candidate(s) meet the criteria. Nominations for the awards are due Jan. 13, 2017.

For more information and for online nomination forms, visit the County Bar Services area of the PBA website at www.pabar.org/public/localbar/ccblhome.asp or contact Gabriele Miller-Wagner at 800-932-0311, Ext. 2240.

Seeking CCBL Executive Committee Member Applicants

Each year, one member of the executive committee of the Conference of County Bar Leaders fulfills his or her term of office and is replaced by selection. Nominations are sought for candidates whose qualifications must include being a president or past president of a county bar association. The new executive committee member will serve up to an eight-year term on the committee. Letters of nomination or applications requesting consideration for selection, along with a current resume, should be sent by Jan. 13, 2017, via e-mail attachment to susan.etter@pabar.org or mail to Susan Etter, PBA Director of County Bar Services, Education & Special Projects at 100 South Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.



County Bar Recognition Award Entries Due Jan. 13

The 2016 Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) will feature presentation of the annual PBA County Bar Recognition Awards, which recognize outstanding projects and activities conducted by county bar associations during the previous calendar year. These awards are designed to recognize projects of each county bar association that in some way contributed to the improvement of the legal profession, the justice system, or the community. The project must have been undertaken during 2016, although it may have begun previously or is to be continued in 2017 and beyond. There is no requirement that it be entirely contained within the calendar year. A bar association may submit more than one project for consideration, but no more than three.

Please complete the entry form by Jan. 13, 2017. Along with the entry form, please feel free to submit any support material that you believe is relevant to the project, including brochures, programs, or other printed matter. Supporting materials may be directed to Susan E. Etter, PBA Director of County Bar Services, Education & Special Projects at 100 South Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

Please consider submitting an entry (or three) on behalf of your local county bar association so that we may give your efforts appropriate recognition in your community and to your colleagues across the commonwealth.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

for County Bar Associations and Foundations

Birdsall County Bar Impact Grants

Application Deadline: April 7, 2017

The Birdsall Impact Grant program seeks to assist county bar associations and foundations in the furtherance of charitable, educational or pro bono programs or projects that are consistent with the mission of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation and succeed in making an immediate impact on the way a county bar operates in service to its members, its court and its community.

If your county bar association is interested in applying for grants funds, please complete the Birdsall County Bar Impact Grant Application found on the Foundation's website at <http://www.pabar-foundation.org/what-we-do/birdsall-impact-grants-program/>. The deadline for submission is April 7, 2017.

A total of \$1,000 will be awarded. The successful applicant(s) will be notified in writing on or before May 1, 2017, and the grant(s) will be awarded during the Annual Meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors and Members scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017 in Pittsburgh, PA in conjunction with the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

The program is open to all bar associations and bar foundations, with consideration given to those with limited means. To date, the program has awarded \$7,000 in grants to support a variety of initiatives including pro bono training opportunities; mentoring programs for

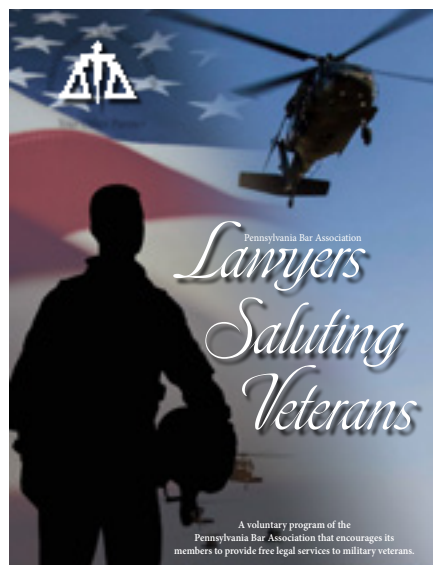
new attorneys; and computer hardware to support mobile pro bono outreach programs like Wills for Heroes. Past recipients include the Butler County Bar Association Foundation, the Lebanon County Bar Association, the Erie County Bar Association, the Washington County Bar Association, the Delaware County Bar Association, the Montgomery County Bar Association, the Lackawanna County Bar Association and York County Bar Foundation.

Volunteers Needed for PBA's 'Lawyers Saluting Veterans' Program

The PBA is recruiting lawyer volunteers to handle pro bono cases in their areas of practice or expertise for Pennsylvania's military veterans as part of the PBA's "Lawyers Saluting Veterans" program.

Lawyers interested in volunteering for the program should register via the PBA website at www.pabar.org/public/lsv.asp. Registration requires certification of malpractice insurance. After registering, volunteer lawyers will be able to access electronic documents such as an agreement of representation, a pro bono checklist and a termination letter for use with the veteran clients.

Lawyer volunteers will receive an official certificate of participation for their use in publicizing their involvement in the program.



Veterans in need of pro bono assistance can directly contact those lawyer volunteers who publicize their participation in the program. If the

legal matter is one the lawyer does not handle, there is no obligation to take on the veteran as a client. Instead, the volunteer can refer the veteran to the program hotline. The PBA Pro Bono Legal Services Office will also make referrals to volunteer lawyers.

The "Lawyers Saluting Veterans" program is coordinated by the PBA's Pro Bono Office and Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

For more information call the program hotline at 800-932-0311, ext. 2570; call Gabriele Miller Wagner at 800-932-0311, ext. 2297 or email her at gabriele.miller.wagner@pabar.org and put "LSV" in the subject line.

Luzerne County Bar Association's 'Global Classroom'

By Elaine Cook

Some lawyers in Luzerne County have been on the road again! The Travel CLE Committee of our bar association had long planned a trip to Africa. This wanderlust was fueled by two successful past trips (to Cuban and Scandinavia) and two well-received CLE offerings presented at our annual Bench-Bar conference — our after-adventure classroom — with unique, revolving CLE topics relating to our destinations.

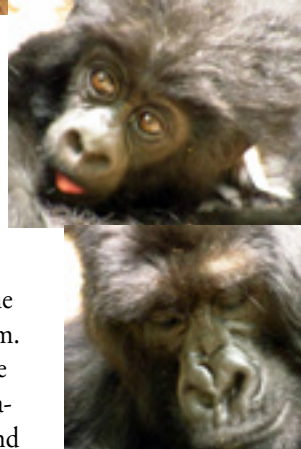
Several attorneys, friends and family traveled to the Dark Continent in October of 2016. Our “wildlife to wine tour” of Africa was a nice combination of excursion and relaxation. Our tour started off with gorilla trekking in Rwanda, a visit to the genocide museum in Kigali, Victoria Falls and safari adventures on the mighty Zambezi River in Zimbabwe, a safari excursion to Chobe National Park in Botswana, a tour in Zambia, then onward to the Cape of Good Hope and the beautiful wine country of Cape Town in South Africa.

When the Africa trip was planned, with gorilla trekking as a highlight, little did we know that the endangered mountain gorilla would come into the limelight with the shooting of Harambe in May 2016 at the Cincinnati Zoo. And with a visit to Zimbabwe already planned, another matter made major news when



Cecil the lion was killed by a dentist during a trophy hunt. These types of tragedies make the world more aware of endangered species and the need to protect them. Our members spoke to citizens of Zimbabwe and Rwanda and learned and absorbed the different perspectives shared by others living across the globe.

We learned that there was universal



hope that such tragedies involving animals or people would educate us for a better and safer future, and would be lessons learned to prevent such tragedies going forward.

Probably the saddest experience we had was at the Genocide Memorial in Kigali, where we realized that any lessons from WWII were totally ignored, when Rwanda in 1994 became the place of a genocide, seen as one of the darkest moments in human history.

Between April and June 1994, an estimated 800,000 Rwandans were killed in the space of 100 days. We were mortified by the degree of violence due to the ethnic tension between two groups, the Hutus and the Tsutis. We visited the place, known as Hotel Rwanda. It was apparent that the scale and speed of the slaughter during this time left this country in shock. Rwandans believed the murders went on while the world stood idly by. On the ground, at least, the Rwandans were largely left alone by the international community. Most of the United Nation troops withdrew after the murder of 10 of their soldiers.



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Today, we know that so much more could have and should have been done to prevent or minimize the degree of violence that occurred in Rwanda in those 100 days. Genocide deserves and demands our global attention.

As members of the legal profession, we were pleased to learn that there has been a fight for justice. In fact, a human rights attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Gary Haugen, was sent on loan to serve as the Director of the United Nations' investigation in the aftermath of the Rwandan genocide. In this role, Haugen led an international team of lawyers, criminal prosecutors, law enforcement officers and forensic experts to gather evidence that would eventually be used to bring the perpetrators of the genocide to justice. It was obvious to us that the war against common criminal brutality in many countries is not over, but knowing that lawyers like us came to the aid of this country we visited made us all proud of our profession.

Our adventure included trekking in the jungle to see the majestic mountain gorillas, of which there are only 880 left on earth. We marveled at the wildlife in Zimbabwe, Botswana and Zambia and learned about the massive problems with poaching. The ivory trade, according to our guides, has created a major decline in the elephant population. They believe elephants could be extinct by 2025 if conservation efforts fail.

The CLE presentation by our attorney members included genocide, apartheid and conservation issues, complete with a photographic journey to enhance this educational offering. The feedback was exceptional, with our members thirsty for more

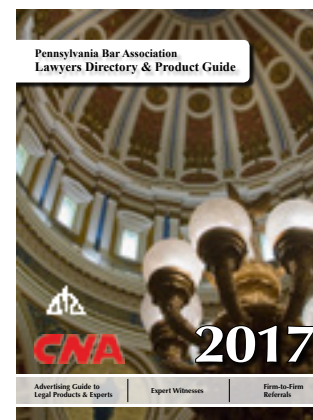


and inquiring about the next adventures.

Many months ago, we began planning our next trip in 2017 to India, Bhutan and Nepal in the Asian continent with 3rd Rock Adventures. And how fitting that is, as our planet Earth is considered the 3rd rock, and our members believe we decide on a destination anywhere on the map. Will we end up on all seven continents? The answers will only be revealed with time and more trips, as we are motivated for more travel and learning in new destinations to be able to continue the successful global education program for the unique education and humanitarian opportunities it affords our members. Hopefully, our travel and education program will be copied by others for the benefit of many more bar associations across the state, and possibly even the country. Join us and travel, learn, educate!



Elaine Cook is the co-chairperson of the Luzerne County Bar Association Travel CLE Committee and self-diagnosed travelaholic.



The 2017 PBA Lawyers Directory and Product Guide is Available Now!

The 2017 PBA Lawyers Directory & Product Guide is available in traditional print format or via online subscription.

The directory features a wide range of accurate, up-to-date information, including:

- The master list of names, geographic locations and phone numbers (if available) of more than 70,000 lawyers licensed to practice in Pennsylvania
- Listings of federal and state courts — judges, administrative offices, key personnel
- County-by-county listings of judges, county offices, key personnel
- Listings of the state's law libraries and law schools
- Key contact information for the American Bar Association, the PBA and local bar associations in Pennsylvania.

The online version of the directory is updated daily and includes email addresses (if provided). Order via the PBA website at www.pabar.org

The print version of the directory is \$45 per book, plus handling and tax, or \$36 per book for orders of 10 or more, plus handling and tax per copy. A one-year license to the online version is \$35, plus tax. The online version is password protected.



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Allegheny County Bar Association

YLD Provides Hundreds of Toys to Children in Need

The ACBA Young Lawyers Division embodied the true meaning of the holiday season by orchestrating its annual children's gift drive and holiday parties.

As a way to make the season special for area children in need, some 750 attorneys from throughout the ACBA donated toys. Roughly 80 volunteer attorneys, as well as their friends and family members, then sorted and wrapped the gifts, a task that took several days in early December.

Finally, on Dec. 3, volunteers personally delivered the presents to some 300 children at festive holiday parties held at 14 Pittsburgh-area shelters. Santa Claus was among the non-attorneys participating.

'Resources for Law Students with Disabilities' published

The Committee on Law and Disability has published a brochure, "Resources for Law Students with Disabilities." The publication contains contact information for various accommodations and resources available on campus, throughout the community and across the country.

There are two versions of the brochure, one customized for students at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and another customized for students at the Duquesne University School of Law. The brochures are available in the "Benefits and Resources" tab at www.ACBA.org.

Veteran Attorneys Honored at '50/60'

It's one of the most special nights of the year in the Pittsburgh legal community. Those attorneys who have been practicing law for 50 years, as well as those who have hit the 60-year milestone, were honored at the ACBA's annual 50 and 60 Year Practitioners Award Ceremony on Nov. 30.



Above: ACBA Young Lawyers Division members wrap gifts collected during annual children's gift drive. Right: Santa at one of holiday parties.



The event, sponsored by S&T Bank Wealth Management, was held at the prestigious Duquesne Club in downtown Pittsburgh. Thirty-four attorneys were honored for reaching the 50-year mark, and six were honored for reaching 60 years.

Pioneering Judge Ross Honored

Judge Eunice Ross was one of Pittsburgh's true pioneers for women in the legal profession, and the ACBA Women in the Law Division honored her during an October CLE.

The WLD presented "Trailblazers in Allegheny County: Honoring Judge Eunice Ross. How Far Have We Come?" Just days before her 93rd birthday, Judge Ross was among the panelists as she discussed the challenges she faced as one of the region's first female attorneys.

More than 90 lawyers attended the event, which included a birthday reception for Judge Ross.

Bankruptcy Symposium a Success

Regarded as the premier bankruptcy law event of the year in Pittsburgh, the ACBA held its 28th Annual Bankruptcy Symposium on Dec. 9.

Nearly 200 Pittsburgh-area bankruptcy attorneys attended the event, which was presented by the ACBA's Bankruptcy

and Commercial Law Section. Skilled practitioners and judges discussed the latest trends and developments in bankruptcy law, including upcoming bankruptcy issues in the Supreme Court, charitable issues, how to grow a consumer practice, understanding the intricacies of coal bankruptcy, the fate of structured dismissals, mediation strategies, valuation in the context of insolvency and how bankruptcy interacts with family law and personal injury.

Blair County Bar Association

The Young Lawyers Division Committee is sponsoring a Lunch & Learn on Jan. 27, 2017 at the Blair County Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room. William Krill Jr., a licensed professional counselor, will talk on therapeutic intervention in custody disputes.

Chester County Bar Association

Chester County Bar Foundation 2nd Annual Key Gala

Our 2nd Annual Key Gala was a huge success for our bar foundation, with over 140 attendees including members, spouses and sponsors. A "key raffle" was



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held, with prizes including Tiffany necklaces, an Apple watch, an iPad Mini and fabulous overnight stays! The highlight of the evening was a special recognition of our “key fellows.” Our exciting live auction included trips to Namibia, Spain, Italy and stays at some more local favorite venues – Skytop, Nemaocolin, Bedford Springs and the Hotel Hershey. The Chester County Bar Foundation raised \$60,000, which will be used to support our mission to help Chester County citizens understand, gain access to and benefit from our legal system.

2016 Advocacy Academy

Our Advocacy Academy program was focused on helping attorneys become excellent litigators in the non-jury, tribunal arena. This two-day program was held at the Chester County Bar Association, where participants were taught by panels of experts in civil litigation, domestic relations, land use planning and criminal law. Presenters included District Attorney Thomas Hogan, Esq., and Judges Juan R. Sanchez, Ann Marie Wheatcraft, William H. Lamb, James P. MacElree and David F. Bortner. Also leading a seminar on “Storytelling as an Effective Means of Persuasion” was West Chester University Professor Tara Bosler. The Advocacy Academy is coordinated by Larry Goldberg, Esq. This year 13 attendees each received 16 hours of training and CLE.

Cumberland County Bar Association

Kids for Cash

A three-hour CLE session sponsored by Orrstown Bank as a joint undertaking of the CCBA and Dickinson Law’s Center on Children and the Law was held on Sept. 22. Attending were 145 individuals from the CCBA, the Cumberland County Juvenile Probation Office, CASA from both Cumberland and York counties and the private sector. Distinguished panelists

were Lucy Johnston-Walk, Director of the Dickinson Law’s Center on Children and the Law; Hon. David J. Freed, District Attorney; Michael Halkias, Chief Public Defender; Samuel Miller, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer; and former Cumberland County President Judge Kevin A. Hess.

11th Biennial Bench – Bar Conference

The CCBA held its all day Bench–Bar Conference at the Penn State, Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle campus on Nov. 4. Dean Gildin welcomed over 150 members in attendance, with a special presentation by Professor G. Terry Madonna just days before the election. The sponsors for the event were First National Bank and the Cumberland County Bar Foundation.

Dauphin County Bar Association

Pro Bono Driver’s License Restoration Intake Clinic

Much like a criminal record, the lack of a valid driver’s license can be a significant roadblock to employment. Yet, some job applicants may qualify for a limited license or have other viable options.

Dauphin County Bar Association’s successful Pro Bono Expungement Clinics served as a model for a new Pro Bono Driver’s License Restoration Intake Clinic led by DCBA Board President Edward F. Spreha Jr. on Dec. 1, 2016.

Earlier, Ed led a one-hour CLE on the topic that was free for attorneys willing to assist with the Intake Clinic or represent clients afterwards. Attorneys unable to attend were able to view a video.

The Intake Clinic began with Ed reviewing the law and procedures with 14 pro bono attorneys. Then, after a brief overview of the law with the 47 attendees, pro bono attorneys met with applicants one-on-one to review possible options. Ed supervised the pro bono attorneys.



DCBA Board President Edward F. Spreha Jr. led a CLE on the new Pro Bono Driver’s License Restoration Intake Clinic.

MidPenn Legal Services is reviewing the intake information and will assign pro bono attorneys to participants who have possible legal options. For more information, please contact DCBA Public Services Coordinator Sandy Ballard (sandy@dcba-pa.org).

Erie County Bar Association

Erie Attorneys Admitted to Bar

The Erie County Bar Association welcomed new attorneys during Admissions Day ceremonies on Nov. 4, 2016. Most of the new admittees are proudly following in footsteps of their families as legal professionals!

Erie County Bar Association Receives Awards for Public Relations Campaigns

The Northwestern Pennsylvania chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) held its annual Niagara Awards ceremony on Nov. 17 at the Brewerie at Union Station. The Niagara Awards recognize “public relations practitioners who have successfully addressed a contemporary issue with exemplary professional skill, creativity and resource-



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Erie County Bar Association annual Niagara Awards ceremony



Senior Lawyers Luncheon - First row, from left: Randy Shapira, Jack Gornall, Gary Shapira, Mike Visnosky, Norm Stark, John Enders, Gary Nash, Cathy Lojewski. Second row: Judge Fred Anthony, Angelo Arduini, Joe Yochim, Gary Skiba, Ed McKean, Paul Burroughs. Third row: Wally Knox, Dick Zamboldi, Mike Fetzner, Richard Vendetti, Jim Toohey, Chuck Agresti.



The Erie County Bar Association welcomed new attorneys: Erin Krotoszynski, Joseph Caulfield, Nathaniel Conti, Christopher Sennett, Melanie Hoover and Dominick Sisinni.

fulness.” Submissions are judged by PR professionals from outside of the Erie area.

The Erie County Bar Association was honored to receive two Niagara Awards. The first award was a gold level award in the Special Events and Observances category, for which the ECBA submitted its campaign for their 2016 Law Day Luncheon and 5K. The second award was a silver level award in the Public Service and Public Affairs category, for which the ECBA submitted its efforts to rebrand print materials and an updated social media marketing campaign for its Lawyer Referral and Information Service. Much of the work from these campaigns can be viewed at Eriebar.com, and by following

the Erie County Bar Association on Facebook, Twitter, Google+, LinkedIn and YouTube!

Senior Lawyers Luncheon

Despite the first big blast of lake-effect snow on Dec. 8, the Erie County Bar Association’s Senior Lawyers Division gathered for its annual end-of-the-year luncheon at the Erie Club!

Franklin County Bar Association

Franklin County Bar Association Admits New Members at Admission Ceremony

The Franklin County Bar Association admitted 11 new members at its Admission Ceremony held on Dec. 2, 2016.

The new members admitted were John B. Keller, of Keller, Keller and Beck, LLC; Alex Sharpe, of Sharpe and Sharpe, LLP; Bridget Fitzpatrick, law clerk for the 39th Judicial District; Victoria Beard, of Greencastle; Clark Stiteler, assistant district attorney of the 39th Judicial District;

Julie Bateman, assistant district attorney of the 39th Judicial District; Nicole Vito, assistant district attorney of the 39th Judicial District; Brian Mains, assistant public defender of the 39th Judicial District; Jonathan Foust, assistant public defender of the 39th Judicial District; Simon Gemerek, of Salzmann Hughes, P.C.; and Vienna Vasquez of Franklin County Legal Services.

The ceremony, held in historic Courtroom One of the Franklin County Courthouse, included words of advice to the new admittees from the Honorable Angela R. Krom, PBA President Sara Austin, Franklin County Bar Association President Mary Beth Shank and Young



Franklin County Bar Association Admission Ceremony



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Lawyers Division Chair Tracy Ross.

Mary Beth Shank, Franklin County Bar Association's president said, "We are excited to welcome these fine lawyers into the growing ranks of our bar association. Franklin County attorneys have a rich history of convening to support those in our profession and Friday's ceremony was an example of the collegiality our new admittees will enjoy in our association."

Tracy Ross, Young Lawyers Division chair, commented, "The Young Lawyers Division of the Franklin County Bar Association is honored to welcome the new admittees. I am confident that they will continue the tradition of collegiality and professionalism that has made our bar association such a strong organization for many years. Our YLD members are very active within the bar association and our community, and we're excited for our newest members to get involved."

Franklin County Bar Association Celebrates PA Pro Bono Week with Luncheon and Award

The Franklin County Bar Association celebrated the services of attorneys who donate their time providing civil legal services to low income individuals and families in Franklin County. The FCBA Pro Bono luncheon was held on Oct. 12, 2016 at the Main Street Deli & Café in Chambersburg. The yearly luncheon is held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Bar Association Pro Bono Week, which is an opportunity to highlight the difference lawyers make in their communities and to acknowledge the partnerships that form the basis for many successful pro bono efforts.

Mary Beth Shank, Franklin County Bar Association's president, and Janice Hawbaker, chair of the Franklin County Bar Association's Pro Bono Committee, thanked the attorneys and staff members who work for legal service agencies in Franklin County and various members of



At the Franklin County Bar Association Pro Bono Week luncheon, Clinton Barkdoll was honored with the 2016 PBA Pro Bono Award.

the FCBA who provide pro bono services. Pro bono attorneys handled 76 legal matters over the last 12 months in the areas of protection from abuse, divorce, custody, mortgage foreclosure, bankruptcy, estates, wills, powers of attorney, adult guardianship, driver's license suspension and real estate.

This year's luncheon honored Clinton Barkdoll, of Kulla, Barkdoll & Stewart, P.C., with the 2016 Pennsylvania Bar Association Pro Bono Award. PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Trevaskis noted that Mr. Barkdoll, an active pro bono participant for many years, consistently takes more than two cases each year and is always willing to accept the more complicated cases that are rejected by other attorneys. In fact, Clint has never turned down a case when area legal services asked for his assistance.

"Mr. Barkdoll's willingness to accept the difficult cases has resulted in maximizing the number of clients able to receive representation and preventing the pro bono program from turning away clients," Mr. Trevaskis commented.

Trevaskis commended the splendid coordination between the three agencies in Franklin County that offer pro bono services. Franklin County Legal Services, MidPenn Legal Services and the Law Offices of Women in Need work together

to provide much needed legal assistance to our community.

Lancaster Bar Association

The Lancaster Bar Association board of directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Steve Grumm as executive director of the association and the LBA Foundation. Steve will succeed Ev Albert, who retired in December after a long and successful tenure. Steve, a Philadelphia native, graduated from the Temple University Beasley

School of Law and began his career as a civil legal aid lawyer in Philly. Later, Steve held posts with NALP, a member association in Washington,

DC focused on the legal employment market, and with the ABA in Chicago. In both positions Steve supported and expanded member activities, managed technology platforms, and worked extensively on issues surrounding civil access-to-justice and pro bono service delivery. Steve is thrilled to return to Pennsylvania and to work on behalf of the LBA's members. In his



Steve Grumm



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spare time Steve is a competitive Etch-A-Sketcher. The previous sentence is just a check to see if you're still reading. You can reach Steve at steve.grumm@lancasterbar.org or 717-393-7721.

Lebanon County Bar Association

The Lebanon County Bar Association held its annual membership meeting recently, at which new members were welcomed.

Pro Bono Celebration

Heather Eggert, Esq., was presented the William H. G. Warner Pro Bono Attorney of the Year award, named in memory of Lebanon County attorney William H.G. Warner, who died in 2013, and whose commitment to legal services helped to make Pro Bono legal services what it is today in Lebanon County. More than 30 percent of private-practice attorneys in Lebanon County provide pro bono services through MidPenn Legal Services.

The Women Lawyers Committee of the LCBA collected donations and purchased gifts for a local family identified by the Lebanon County Children & Youth Services as its annual Adopt-A-Family program. They also enjoyed a Paint Night together.

Attorneys spent a morning cleaning up a portion of Route 322 in Lebanon County as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program.

Luzerne County - Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association

The Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association of Luzerne County annual Bench Bar Conference featured Pennsylvania Justice Debra McCloskey Todd as the keynote ethics speaker.

Almost half of the W-BLLA membership — 320 attorneys and judges — gathered to hear Justice Todd speak at

the conference, held at the Mohegan Sun Casino & Convention Center at Pocono Downs in Wilkes-Barre Township. Also presenting was Atty. Jeffrey Bauman.

The chairperson responsible for organizing the event was Atty. Jamie Anzalone of the W-BLLA Bench Bar Committee. Officers in attendance were president, Judge Joseph J. Van Jura; vice president, Atty. Jane M. Acri, and secretary-treasurer, Atty. Joseph P. J. Burke III. Present from the Pennsylvania Bar Association were PBA Treasurer, Atty. David E. Schwager and Membership Services Director Elizabeth A. Swivel.

Judges attending and involved in the program included Judge Corrae E. Stevens of the Pennsylvania Superior Court, Judge Joseph M. Cosgrove of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court, Magistrate Judge Joseph F. Saporito Jr. of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, United States Bankruptcy Court for the

Middle District of Pennsylvania Judges, Judge John J. Thomas and Judge Robert N. Opel III, and the judges of the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County: President Judge, Judge Richard M. Hughes III, Judge William H. Amesbury, Judge Joseph M. Augello, Judge Thomas F. Burke Jr., Judge Tina Polachek Gartley, Judge Lesa S. Gelb, Judge David W. Lupas, Judge Hugh F. Mundy, Judge Chester B. Muroski, Judge Fred A. Pierantoni III, Judge Jennifer L. Rogers, Judge Joseph F. Sklarosky Jr., and Judge Michael T. Vough. And, Magisterial District Justices, Judge Andrew Barilla, Judge David Barilla, and Judge Joseph J. Carmody.

Attorneys included Luzerne County District Attorney Stefanie J. Salavantis and the Public Defender of Luzerne County, Steven M. Greenwald. Also, Timothy M. Doherty, assistant attorney general of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, James L. McMonagle Jr., assistant



1st Row: Atty. Prescott, Judge Rogers, Judge Gelb, Judge Gartley, Judge Saporito Jr., Justice Todd, Atty. Bauman, Judge Cosgrove and Judge Pierantoni. 2nd Row: Judge Van Jura, Judge Burke, Atty. Schwager, Judge Augello, Pres. Judge Hughes, Judge Vough, Judge Lupas, Atty. Cook, Atty. Radick, and Atty. Jamie Anzalone. 3rd Row: Atty. Palubinsky, Atty. Butera, Atty. Webby, Atty. Acri, Atty. Borland and Atty. Burke.



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district attorney of Luzerne County; A. Lisa Pierotti, support master; Sharon R. Bitzel, custody master; and Brittany Quinn, law clerk to the president judge. Other attorneys attending and presenting were Ruth S. Borland, Michael I. Butera, Kelly M. Ciravolo, Brenda D. Colbert, Elaine Cook, Kevin R. Grebas, Christine E. McLaughlin, Ben Nicolosi, Frank W. Nocito, Neil T. O'Donnell, Lee Ann Palubinsky, Nancy Prescott, Paula L. Radick, Frank J. Skokoski, David E. Schwager and Ferris P. Webby. Finally, Dr. G. Terry Madonna, the director of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs, professor of public affairs, and director of the Franklin and Marshall Zollege Poll, presented a special presentation on political elections and especially the recent presidential election. Sandra Moosic and Pauline Polny of Catholic Social Services, also participated and presented.

Lycoming Law Association

New Attorney Admission

Four new attorneys were admitted to practice in the various courts of Lycoming County on Dec. 2. Each of the new attorneys, Susan Saba Roinick, Scott J. Werner, Jessica Feese and Wesley S. Speary, was moved for admission by a current member of the bar, who outlined the admittees' backgrounds and qualifications.

Although admission to practice before

the local court is no longer required by law, Lycoming County has continued the tradition of an admission ceremony. The ceremony serves several purposes: to formally recognize the accomplishments of the newly admitted attorneys, to introduce the new faces of the bar to the legal community and to allow the judges and law association officers the opportunity to introduce new attorneys to the services available to them through the association and to offer opportunities to serve the community, as attorneys.

<http://www.lycolaw.org/news/articles/2016/2016admission.asp>

YLD Holiday Toy, Clothing and Book Collection

The Lycoming Law Association's Young Lawyers Division presented the Salvation Army with the toys, clothing and books collected over the last two weeks. The Salvation Army will be providing gifts to 450 families in Lycoming County this holiday season.

High School Mock Trial

The Lycoming Law Association has had a long tradition of encouraging local high schools to participate in the Pennsylvania Mock Trial Competition. Recently, the LLA Foundation awarded \$1,500 to the



Lycoming County lawyers admitted on Dec. 3, 2016: From left: Susan Saba Roinick, President Judge Nancy Butts, Scott J. Werner, Jessica Feese, Judge Dudley Anderson, Wesley S. Speary and Judge Richard Gray.

Montoursville Area High School Mock Trial Team so that its members could attend a training workshop at Harvard University. The full article is here: http://www.lycolaw.org/news/articles/2016/mock_trial_grant.asp.

Monroe County Bar Association

Bench Bar Conference Shares Knowledge and Networking

The Monroe County Bar Association (MCBA) held its 20th Annual Monroe County Bench Bar Conference Sept. 30 at Northampton Community College Monroe Campus. Members of the Stroudsburg-based organization joined Pennsylvania Bar Association, alongside Superior and Court of Common Pleas



Lycoming Law Association YLD holiday toy, clothing and book collection



LLA Foundation awarded \$1,500 to the Montoursville Area High School Mock Trial Team.



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judges to share knowledge and networking for the overall advancement of legal professionals across the region. Created as a means of keeping up to date on information and what's going on in each organization, the gathering also illustrated obligations and administration beyond the bench.

43rd Judicial District Court of Common Pleas President Judge Margherita Patti-Worthington said the goal is to collaborate to make sure justice is served.

A strong advocate for educational and operational advancement in her fifth year as president judge, she agrees this type of interaction offers an opportunity for “a better understanding of pressures” faced by both sides of the bench.

George Warden, prothonotary Clerk of Courts for Monroe County, said Monroe County is the first county in Pennsylvania to use PAC filing for criminal cases at the Common Pleas level. He was joined by Senior Deputy Monroe County Court of Clerks Lasea Koidl in announcing this pivotal point in progress and illustrating the online paperless procedure for attorneys. Plenary Session presenter, Superior Court Judge Victor P. Stabile, mixed a captivating cross practice session, “Potpourri [of] Recent Cases of Interest.”

Monroe County Bar Association President Jeffrey A. Durney said that the Monroe County Bench Bar Conference reflects well upon the bar association. Satisfied with another successful selection of subjects by MCBA's Bench Bar Committee, he joined colleagues for continued collaboration later sharing the “State of the Bar,” along with PBA president-elect Sharon López discussing the “State of the Pennsylvania Bar Association,” followed by “State of the Bench” by Judge Worthington, then Judges' Round Table panel discussion.



Judge Victor P. Stabile (at podium) shares recent case facts presented before the Superior Court.

Monroe County Bar Association Mock Trials Invitational

High school students from across the region shared their voice of reason and debate at this year's Monroe County Bar Association Mock Trials Invitational Nov. 19 at Stroudsburg High School with Pocono Mountain East seizing top honors. Months of legal preparation led up to the day's deliberations for the teens joined by Pleasant Valley, Notre Dame, Delaware Valley, Hazleton, Valley View, MMI Prep, East Stroudsburg and host Stroudsburg High Schools.

Surrounded by 20 volunteers participating as trial judges and score keepers including Committee Chair Judge Jonathan Mark, the group applied knowledge of the law learned over weeks of pre-trial planning with each school's assigned teacher advisor, plus one or two attorney advisors.

East attorney advisor, Ryan Campbell, set aside Stroudsburg pride, dedicating his time and talent in partnership with teacher advisor Maria Bras-Danges.

While his alma mater hosted the day's event, the Law Clerk for President Judge Margherita Patti-Worthington agreed the work all teacher advisors lend should be commended.

Of the teacher/lawyer pairing, Campbell said Danges tends to focus more on factual issues, while he focuses on legal issues such as avoiding objections.

Notre Dame senior Victoria Watkins said she gained experience in public speaking and formed positive relationships with students from other schools. She is following in the footsteps of her older siblings, who also participated in mock trials, and her father, local attorney William Watkins. Working seven hours each week for a month on mock trials may lead to her pursuit of a law degree at the University of Scranton in the future.

Monroe County Bar Foundation Pledges Close to \$110,000 for Organizations Countywide

MCBF illustrated an ongoing dedication toward giving back to Monroe County on Nov. 7, donating close to \$110,000 to nonprofits from across the region.

This year's recipients are Pocono Alliance, Pocono Family YMCA, Developmental Education Services of Monroe County, Women's Resources of Monroe County, Monroe County Special Olympics of Pennsylvania, The Valor Clinic Foundation, Monroe County Historical Association, Monroe County Habit for Humanity, Monroe County Meals on Wheels, Center for Vision Loss Monroe



Pocono Mountain East High School students celebrate winning first place in this year's Monroe County Mock Trials



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Organizations countywide gathered Nov. 7 to collect Monroe County Bar Foundation grant funding, (Front from left: Kevin Yurko, Pocono Alliance; Anna Underwood, Monroe County Historical Association; William Reaser, Monroe County Bar Foundation; Diane Dagger, Monroe County Bar Foundation; Roxanne Powell, Pocono Alliance; Heidi Fareri, Monroe County Meals on Wheels; Sue Folk, Developmental Education Services of Monroe County. Back from left: Lara Kash, Monroe County Bar Foundation; Linda Rice, Pocono Alliance; Jennifer Pandolfo, Center for Vision Loss Monroe County; Tim Lee, Pocono Services for Families and Children Monroe County Head Start

County and Pocono Services for Families and Children Monroe County Head Start program.

Pocono Alliance President Linda Rice told of the organization's plans to reach more children with early childhood screenings and thanked MCBF for its generosity and the privilege being selected.

Anna Underwood said Monroe County Historical Association's purchase of a microfilm machine will open doors to educational opportunities for the young and young at heart.

Monroe County Head Start Executive Director Tim Lee of Pocono Services for Families and Children said that MCBF's five-year commitment of \$50,000 was made even before the early childhood development nonprofit acquired its new location in Tobyhanna. MCBF's trust in the project showed its commitment to this community, provided significant leverage and kicked off other support.

MCBF Chair William Reaser, said, "As the giving arm of the Monroe County

Bar Association, the foundation tries to do as much as we can for the citizens of Monroe County."

Montgomery Bar Association

"Thanks A Latte" – Montgomery Bar Association takes to the Road for Pro Bono Month (and it doesn't end there)

MBA staff members have taken to the road in recent months, meeting face-to-face with dozens of members and area law firms to thank them for the work they do for the bar and for the community. The outbound "Thanks a Latte" campaign first launched in early October in observance of National Pro Bono Month. Personalized MBA gift card holders containing Starbucks gift cards were among the little perks given out to attorneys and their staff during a series of scheduled and semi-impromptu visits to neighboring firms throughout Montgomery County. While on site, MBA staff members were also able to share information and remind law staff about new and upcoming initia-

tives, like the recent launch of the new, next generation Lawyer Referral Service and Modest Means Legal Access Program, the Access to Justice Survey and the 2017 Leadership Academy application deadline. Firm visits also provided a timely opportunity to remind members and others of upcoming bar association happenings, like the Delaware Valley Legal Expo, CLE events, networking opportunities and more. Thanks to a successful start, visits like these are expected to continue throughout the new year as MBA leaders have resolved to encourage even more active member involvement in 2017 and, most importantly, better understand how to further serve the needs and interests of its members.

According to MBA Communications Director Jim Mathias, "Personal visits like these have been a great way to connect, obtain feedback, and generating engagement, and the benefits are both measurable and immediate. Despite all the tools and resources we have at our disposal to communicate with members, there's no substitute for what seems to resonate with members during an informal visit to their workplace."

Visited members have registered for committees, applied for leadership positions, connected with their Bar Guides, attended certain events for the first time, and received answers to long-burning





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questions. Some have even taken it upon themselves to propose and initiate new programs. Staff members who have participated have also enjoyed the occasional break from their day-to-day routine and being reminded how fortunate we all are to serve and work together in such a unique, professional, and collegial legal community.

Pro Bono Awards

Aetna attorneys Alan K. Maesaka and Justin V. Czubaroff received 2016 PBA Pro Bono Awards for their work with Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania at the Oct. 24 Pro Bono Week celebration and expungement CLE at the Montgomery Bar Association.

David K. Trevaskis, Pennsylvania Bar Association pro bono coordinator, and Michael E. Kelley, LASP Montgomery County staff attorney and pro bono coordinator, presented the awards.

“Our Aetna volunteers have consistently come to help our clients directly during walk-intake hours,” said Kelley. “They are a constant and welcome presence in our office, effectively counseling applicants and triaging those with emergency situations.”

Northampton County Bar Association

The fall season was a busy one in Easton. We organized and participated in the annual Holiday Hope Chest project (600+ boxes donated to children across the Lehigh Valley), the Miracle League trick-or-treat event with the theme of “Star Wars,” and a Donut Day event to celebrate members on “Love Your Lawyer Day.” After many years of discussion, we started a foundation this fall through the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation.

Bench Bar Conference

The big event this fall was the Bench Bar Conference in October, held at the beautiful and relaxing Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, Maryland. Both members and the bench agree this was the best conference in quite a few years. Two non-member speakers presented excellent, informative programs. Sozi Tulante, Esq., solicitor for city of Philadelphia, spoke on his journey into the legal field, as well as current legal issues in Philadelphia. The second speaker was Evan Young, Esq., attorney with Baker Botts in Austin, Texas. Young was a law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and

also served a brief period of time in Iraq working on its legal system. In addition to the great CLE programs there was unique after-dinner entertainment, “The Verdict,” a band consisting mostly of NCBA members, playing and singing cover songs from the 50s through 2016.

Pike County Bar Association

Moulton of Pike County Receives 2016 Pro Bono Award

The Pike County Bar Association (PCBA) sponsored its fourth Wills for Heroes (WFH) event on Oct. 22. The attorney volunteers have prepared 120+ sets of estate documents for veterans and first responders since May 2015. PCBA President Elizabeth Kameen thanked all of the volunteers for participating in these events and looks forward to their future events. Volunteers included attorneys, notaries, witnesses and WFH coordinators Gabriele Miller-Wagner and Hannah Suhr, Esq. The PCBA members are known for their volunteer work throughout the community. During the volunteer attorney training, Gabriele Miller-Wagner presented Mark Moulton with a 2016 PBA Pro Bono Award for his outstanding



Pro Bono Awards: David K. Trevaskis, PA Bar Association pro bono coordinator; Alan K. Maesaka, Esq., Aetna; Justin V. Czubaroff, Esq., Aetna; Michael E. Kelley, LASP Montgomery County staff attorney and pro bono coordinator



PBA Administrative Assistant/Wills for Heroes (WFH) Coordinator Gabriele Miller-Wagner presents Mark Moulton with his PBA Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award during the Pike County Wills for Heroes event on Oct. 22. Shown are Kelly Gaughan, Pike County Bar Association (PCBA) officer; Ronnie Fischer, Mark Moulton; Gabriele Miller-Wagner, PBA/WFH coordinator; Elizabeth Burton, Pike County WFH coordinator; Elizabeth Erickson Kameen, PCBA president; and John Campo Jr.



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volunteer legal services throughout the county. Mark was referred to as an “unsung hero” for the pro bono work that he performs without expecting recognition. Those sentiments were echoed by PCBA President Kameen.

Westmoreland Bar Association

The Westmoreland Bar Association has a new look – new paper stock and now full color – for its bimonthly member newsletter, *the sidebar*. The first newsletter began in 1988 and continues to be a popular member benefit 28 years later. Read the newsletter online at <http://www.westbar.org/thesidebar>.

The Westmoreland Bar Foundation received a bequest of \$245,000 from past WBA president Wayne Whitehead. The money was given as an unrestricted gift to the foundation for programming and other needs.



Dec. 7, 2016 marked Santa’s 10th annual visit to the Westmoreland Bar Association for a family-friendly Christmas dinner party. More than children and 45 adults attended this fun-filled holiday event.

The Westmoreland Bar Association completed an updated membership directory utilizing a local photographer and completing the project in-house. In-house printing will allow for updates to the directory and ongoing revenue from the sales of the directory.



Featured Member Benefits

- **Casemaker Tip:** Get the **latest tips** on navigating and getting the best value from Casemaker, offering free legal research as a PBA member benefits.
- **Comcast Business:** Engage with local reps to meet the tech needs of your law firm. Get **more information** (member login required).
- **InterCall:** For access to web conferencing, unified communications services and more, call 800-636-2377 or **enroll online**.
- **USI Affinity:** Now offering a risk-management policy enhancement for CNA policyholders in Pennsylvania. **Learn more.** Insurance Tip of the Month: Should you report a potential claim, even if you feel it is unjustified? Absolutely! Your insurer may be able to offer advice that can remedy the situation, enabling you to avoid the prospect of having a claim filed against you.



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ALLENTOWN

Dragonetti and Litigation Torts	Jan. 11
Trusts for Asset Protection of the Middle Class	Jan. 18
Hot Topics in Capital Cases	Jan. 20
Death & Taxes	Jan. 23
Trends in Municipal Finance	Jan. 25
Using Social Media Effectively and Ethically	Jan. 31
Litigating an Employment Discrimination Case	Feb. 1
Practical Medicaid Planning	Feb. 2
Stories to Attract and Engage	Feb. 9
Human Rights Law /Business Practices	Feb. 10
Alcohol Law	Feb. 21
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Internet Legal Research	Feb. 23
From File to Trial	Feb. 24
Trial Skills/Cross Exam/Judge Bernstein	Feb. 28
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Lincoln on Professionalism	Mar. 3
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Internet Law Update 2017	Mar. 14
Residential Agreement of Sale	Mar. 16
Finance for Lawyers	Mar. 17
Foreclosure Proceedings	Mar. 20
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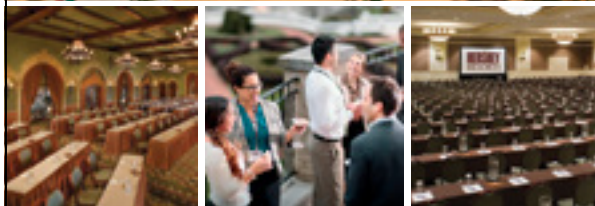
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