

# The COUNTY LINE



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## The Grassroots Connection *PBA's Day on the Hill slated for April 26*

By Lauren Brinjac,  
PBA Legislative Coordinator

In January, the Pennsylvania Legislature convened in a new session and welcomed more than 30 freshmen legislators to its chambers. With complete Republican control of the Governor's Office, Senate and House for the first time in many years, a change in government's priorities was inevitable, and as a result, the bar faces new challenges with some of its most contentious issues directly affecting lawyers in this commonwealth as well as the clients they serve. These concerns include changes to joint and several liability law, inadequate funding for the courts, continued funding for civil legal services and the future of legal notices and legal journals.

For this reason, the Pennsylvania Bar Association is urging you to take your concerns directly to your state legislators during the 14th annual PBA Day on the Hill program, Tuesday, April 26, at the state Capitol and Hilton Harrisburg. This free half-day event includes breakfast and an issues overview, the opportunity to meet personally with your senators and representatives, and an afternoon luncheon with legislators and legislative staff.

County bar leaders and members play a

vital role in the overall legislative strategy of the PBA. Although PBA lobbyists are constantly on the Hill monitoring legislation and advocating for the interests of the association and its members, it is most important for legislators to hear directly from their constituents. Active grassroots participation is vital to successfully educate the Legislature on issues of importance to lawyers. The ability to establish and strengthen relationships with members of the General Assembly – not only as PBA members but as constituents who live, work and vote in their districts – makes the job of advocating on major issues much more effective.

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immigration, children's rights, elder law and real property issues, and the simple truth is that nearly 80 percent of Pennsylvania's legislators have never practiced law. It is up to you, then, as county bar leaders and members of the Pennsylvania Bar Association to help your legislators understand the issues important to you and the legal profession.

Get involved in making the voice of Pennsylvania's legal profession heard

There are many other issues of concern reflective of the PBA's broad and diverse practice areas on the table during this legislative session, such as Title 15 revisions,

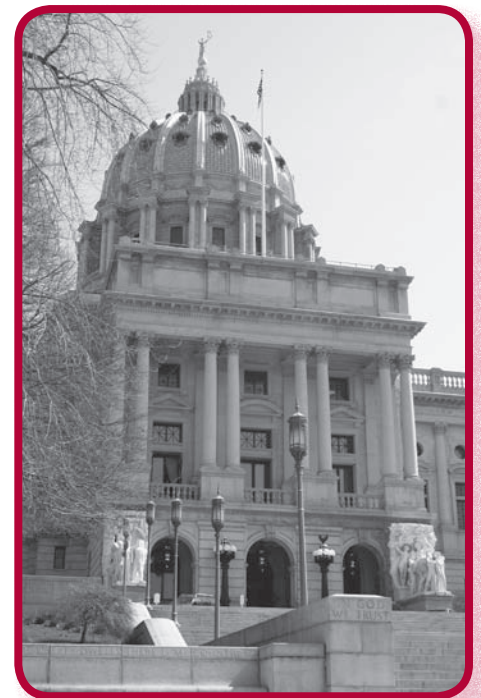


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in the state Capitol this year. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the 14th annual PBA Day on the Hill, Tuesday, April 26, in Harrisburg.

Additional information on the PBA Day on the Hill program, including a registration form, can be found on the PBA website at [www.pabar.org](http://www.pabar.org), or by calling 1-800-932-0311, ext. 2207.

PBA Day on the Hill is a joint effort of the PBA Legislative Department and the PBA Young Lawyers Division. ■

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# CCBL

## 2011

Feb. 24-26,  
State College



*The luncheon provided an opportunity to sit down and catch up with friends in the middle of a day packed with CLE courses.*



*Duquesne Law's Kenneth G. Gormley (left) at his book-signing. Bob Cagna from USI Affinity reads "The County Line."*



*Duquesne Law's Dean Kenneth G. Gormley gives his keynote luncheon speech.*



*Centre County Bar Association President LeDon Young welcomes luncheon guests.*





*CLE programs were not only informative, but also interesting!*



*Outgoing CCBL President George A. Verlihay passes the gavel to incoming CCBL President Thomas V. Casale.*



*George A. Verlihay (left) and retired U.S. Army Col. Tom Vossler, a CCBL presenter.*

*A look at the  
45th Annual  
Seminar of  
the  
Conference of  
County Bar  
Leaders*



*The Atrium was a popular spot for networking throughout the conference.*



*"The Beard," AKA Ryan Blazure (left), plots with Robert Datorre.*



*"The Future of Electronic Filing and Technology in the Courtroom" CLE panel.*

# 2011 CCBL: Focus on leadership and a Segway...

By George A. Verlihay, Immediate Past President CCBL Executive Committee

If you were not one of the over 250 in attendance at the Conference of County Bar Leaders seminar on Feb. 24–26 in State College, you missed out on quite the experience. County bar officers and executive directors from counties across the commonwealth joined members of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Board of Governors, as well as young lawyer members of the Bar Leadership Institute, for two nights and two days of informative continuing legal education (CLE) seminars and countless networking opportunities.

Keynote speakers included retired U.S. Army Col. Tom Vossler, who offered a CLE program that not only focused on effective leadership but also provided a historical overview of the leadership structure and abilities of the Union and Confederate armies during the Battle of Gettysburg. Dean Ken Gormley, of the Duquesne University School of Law, was the luncheon's keynote speaker, and he provided us with many insights into the writing of his best-selling book, *"The Death of American Virtue: Clinton vs. Starr."* Many attendees purchased one

or more of Gormley's books and had it personally autographed. Other educational programs included topics such as "The Dirty Little Secrets About Being a County Bar President," membership, fiduciary obligations and parliamentary procedure.

Twenty-four county bar associations were presented with County Bar Recognition Awards, which honor projects and programs undertaken by the bar association in the prior calendar year that improve the legal profession, justice system and local community. (See related article on page 5.) Additionally, I had the honor of presenting the Nurick and Flaherty awards to Al Jones of Centre County, and Kathy Sabol of Washington County, respectively; they are two most deserving recipients. (See related article below.)

CCBL 2011 was not all work, however. Following an excellent dinner Friday night, complete with dessert featuring Penn State Creamery ice cream, attendees were able to participate in "Game Night." In order to earn tickets to enter into the auction for an impressive selection of overnight packages from many luxury hotels and resorts, attendees simply had to participate in one of the many activities being offered. Contestants tried their luck at Wii™ golf,

tennis, bowling and archery and competed in creative "Minute to Win It" challenges.

Perhaps the most talked-about activity was the ever-popular Segway, where the object was to maneuver around orange cones while riding a Segway and trying not to run into any tables or people. It was just as entertaining to watch everyone play the games as it was to participate.

The conference wrapped up Saturday morning with breakfast and two additional CLE programs. We also held our CCBL Executive Committee business meeting, where I "passed the gavel" to our next leader, Tom Casale. By way of introduction, Casale is vice president and general counsel for the Bushkill Group, as well as a past president of the Monroe County Bar Association, a member of the PBA House of Delegates, and a Hearing Committee member serving the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

I have no doubt that Casale will be an effective leader and put together an excellent conference next year. Please be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us in Lancaster on Feb. 25–27, 2012.



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## Kathy Sabol, Alfred Jones Jr. receive CCBL honors

The Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) of the Pennsylvania Bar Association recently honored Kathy Sabol, executive director of the Washington County Bar Association, with its 14th annual Arthur J. Birdsall Award and honored Alfred Jones Jr. of State College with its 2011 Gilbert Nurick Award for his commitment to the Pennsylvania and Centre county bar associations. The awards were bestowed at the 45th Annual Seminar of the Conference of County Bar Leaders in State College.

The Birdsall award is presented to a county bar executive who demonstrates professional excellence, who is committed to the success of his or her bar association and who significantly enhances the stature of his or her bar association. The award is

named in honor of Arthur J. Birdsall, the PBA's county bar services director who retired after nearly 40 years of support to local bar associations.

Sabol has served as executive director of the Washington County Bar Association for 14 years. During Sabol's tenure, the association's membership has increased by 20 percent.

Sabol organizes programs that promote the positive works of the county's lawyers and that provide educational



Kathy Sabol



Alfred Jones Jr. of State College accepts the Gilbert Nurick Award.

and networking opportunities for the association's members. Programs created and implemented by Sabol have received

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# Local bar associations receive recognition awards at CCBL

The Pennsylvania Bar Association presented County Bar Recognition Awards during the 45th Annual Seminar of the Conference of County Bar Leaders, Feb. 24-26, in State College. Twenty-four local bar associations were honored for sponsoring projects and programs to improve the legal profession, justice system and community. The awards, which are non-competitive in nature, are sponsored annually by the PBA.

"Thousands of lawyers voluntarily invest their time and talents into programs and services that improve our local communities, and this outstanding commitment to service deserves to be recognized," said PBA President Gretchen A. Mundorff. "It is important to recognize the many legal professionals that are making positive impacts on the lives of Pennsylvania residents."

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

**Allegheny County Bar Association:** Televised "Legal Briefs"

**Beaver County Bar Association:** Plaques Honoring Association Vets, Women-in-Law Professional Clothing Drive and Holiday Project for the Elderly

**Berks County Bar Association:** Pro Bono Celebration

**Bucks County Bar Association:** Women Lawyer Division's "Ladies Night Out" and Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program

**Butler County Bar Association:** Consumer Credit and Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program, Lawyer Referral Service Website and "Ask the Lawyer" Radio Segments

**Centre County Bar Association:** Donation to MidPenn Legal Services, Legal Columns in Local Newspaper and Welcome Reception for Justice Baldwin and Judge Cohn Jubelirer

**Chester County Bar Association:** "Wills for Heroes" Program and Earth Day/Green Technology Recycling Event

**Cumberland County Bar Association:** Young Lawyers Division's "Adopt-a-Family" Holiday Project and "Legal Consequences of New Technology" Presentations

**Dauphin County Bar Association:** "We Care about Children" Custody Attorney Campaign and New Book about the County's History of the Law and Lawyers

**Delaware County Bar Association:** Auction Benefitting the Domestic Abuse Project, Alternative Dispute Resolution Voluntary Settlement Program and Community Outreach Seminars

**Erie County Bar Association:** Strategic Planning

**Franklin County Bar Association:** Be Kind to Lawyers Day and "Wills for Heroes" Event

**Lackawanna Bar Association:** Legal Seminar Series and Legal Seminar on End of Life Care

**Lancaster Bar Association:** Work Share Agreement Project

**Lycoming Law Association:** Development of Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program, "Eat & Earn" Series and "Lawtoberfest"

**Monroe County Bar Association:** "Wills for Heroes" Program, Support Staff Luncheon and A. Mitchell Palmer Award Dinner

**Montgomery Bar Association:** Norristown Middle School Civics Education Program, Young Lawyers Fantasy Football and MBA Mobile

**Northampton County Bar Association:** Lehigh Valley Law Explorer Post, A Show of Faith 5K Run/Walk for Makaeya Wheeler and 2010 Bench Bar Conference and U.S. Supreme Court Admissions

**Pike County Bar Association:** Pike County Potpourri, Donation to the Center for Developmentally Disabled and United Way Replenish the Food Banks Donation

**Schuylkill County Bar Association:** Coat Drive, Constitution Ads and Toys for Christmas Program

**Washington County Bar Association:** Marcellus Shale Seminars, Administrative Professionals Day Celebration and Educational Assistance Fund

**Westmoreland Bar Association:** Technology "How-To" Seminars, Advance Directive Community Program and Young Lawyers Softball Game

**Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association:** Public Defenders Juvenile Unit Training, Medical Society/Law Association Public Education Program and "Law Suits" Program

**York County Bar Association:** "Wills for Heroes" Events, "Meet Your Judges" Program and Bench/Bar Conference ■

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state and national awards. Also active at the state level of bar leadership, Sabol assists with planning and participates in annual programming provided by the CCBL and the Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives.

Jones received the Gilbert Nurick Award, which is named for the late Harrisburg lawyer who served as PBA

president. It is presented to a member of the PBA who exhibits dedication and service to the leadership and promotion of the organized bar and its activities.

Jones is currently the executive director of The Centre County Community Foundation, which was created in 1981 as a public charity dedicated to meeting changing needs and assisting individuals, families and businesses throughout Centre County as they plan and carry out their charitable giving.

Jones is a member of the PBA House of Delegates, a member of the PBA

Professional Liability Committee, director for Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, past PBA zone governor, past president of the CCBL Executive Committee and past president of the Centre County Bar Association. Jones is credited as the driving force in the formation of the local American Inns of Court chapter.

He was instrumental in the search for and the acquisition of the Centre County Bar Association headquarters. He has participated in numerous continuing legal education presentations for the local bar, the state bar and the CCBL. ■



# PBA Malpractice Avoidance Seminars scheduled

The PBA County Bar Services Department, the PBA Professional Liability Committee and USI Affinity, in cooperation with local bar associations, have scheduled more than 20 Malpractice Avoidance Seminars.

Seminars will take place in the following counties during the next several months: Adams, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Columbia/Montour, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Sullivan/Wyoming, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union/Snyder, Wayne/Pike.

Those attending the seminars will receive a 5-percent discount on their PBA-endorsed malpractice insurance through USI Affinity and up to 1.5 hours of CLE ethics credit. All seminars are presented live and include a CD-ROM of the presentation material. Until otherwise noted below, register by contacting the PBA County Bar Services at 800-932-9311, ext. 2297.

The schedule follows:

## **MONROE**

March 29 at 12:30 p.m.  
Stroudsmoor Country Inn (Terraview),  
RD#4 Stroudsmoor Road, Stroudsmoor  
*To register, call 570-424-7288.*

## **FRANKLIN**

April 6 at 10 a.m.  
Chambersburg Country Club,  
3646 Scotland Road, Chambersburg

## **ADAMS**

April 6 at 3 p.m.  
Best Western Gettysburg Hotel,  
1 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg

## **CUMBERLAND**

April 7 at 10 a.m.  
Hotel Carlisle,  
1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle

## **PERRY**

April 7 at 3 p.m.  
Perry County Court House, Centre Square,  
New Bloomfield

## **DAUPHIN**

April 8 at 11:30 a.m.  
Crowne Plaza Hotel,  
23 S. Second St., Harrisburg  
*To register, call 717-232-7536.*

## **LEBANON**

April 14 at 3 p.m.  
Lebanon Country Club,  
3375 W. Oak St., Lebanon

## **LANCASTER**

April 15 at 12 p.m.  
Lancaster Bar Association,  
28 E. Orange St., Lancaster  
*To register, call 717-393-0737.*

## **LYCOMING**

April 19 at 9 a.m.  
Holiday Inn,  
100 Pine St., Williamsport

## **UNION/SNYDER**

April 19 at 3 p.m.  
Lewisburg Hotel,  
136 Market St., Lewisburg

## **TIOGA**

April 20 at 9 a.m.  
Mansfield University, Memorial Hall,  
Room 107, Mansfield

## **SULLIVAN/WYOMING**

April 20 at 3 p.m.  
Shadowbrook Inn & Resort,  
615 SR 6 East, Tunkhannock

## **COLUMBIA/MONTOUR**

April 21 at 9 a.m.  
Days Inn Danville Conference Center,  
50 Sheraton Road, Exit 224 I-80 & SR54,  
Danville

## **NORTHUMBERLAND**

April 21 at 3 p.m.  
Edison Hotel, 401 Market St., Sunbury

## **CARBON**

May 10 at 3 p.m.  
Inn at Jim Thorpe,  
24 Broadway, Jim Thorpe

## **WAYNE/PIKE**

May 11 at 9 a.m.  
The Settlers Inn, 4 Main Ave., Hawley

## **SUSQUEHANNA**

May 11 at 3 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites,  
I-81 at Exit 219, New Milford

## **LACKAWANNA**

May 12 at 9 a.m.  
The Colonnade,  
401 Jefferson Ave., Scranton

## **LUZERNE**

May 12 at 3 p.m.  
The Westmoreland Club,  
59 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre

## **MONTGOMERY**

May 18 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Montgomery Bar Association,  
100 W. Airy St., Norristown

## **NORTHAMPTON**

May 19 at 1 p.m.  
Best Western,  
Route 512 and Route 22, Bethlehem  
*To register, call 610-258-6333, ext. 5027.*

## **BUCKS**

May 24 at 3 p.m.  
Bucks County Bar Association,  
135 E. State St., Doylestown  
*To register, call 215-348-9413.*

## **CHESTER**

May 25 at 9 a.m.  
Chester County Bar Association,  
15 W. Gay St., 2nd Floor, West Chester

## **DELAWARE**

May 25 at 3 p.m.  
Delaware County Bar Association,  
335 W. Front St., Media

## **LEHIGH**

May 26 at 9 a.m.  
The Bar Association of Lehigh County,  
1114 W. Walnut St., Allentown

## **DAUPHIN**

Aug. 12 at 11:30 a.m.  
Crowne Plaza Hotel,  
23 S. Second St., Harrisburg  
*To register, call 717-232-7536.*



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# Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund and Trust Fund unveils new process/timeline for requesting grants

There are two funds from which grants can be given – the Trust Fund and the Insurance Fund. The Pennsylvania Bar Trust Fund is the charitable arm of the PBA. It considers grant requests that “promote educational and charitable purposes associated with the legal profession and the administration of justice with particular reference to the promotion of such purposes in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.”

The main function of the Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund is to assure the quality and character of insurance programs offered to PBA members. It considers grant requests for programs that are designed to help reduce the incidence of malpractice and to provide loss control programs.

At its meeting on Feb. 4, 2011, the Trustees of the Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund and Trust Fund unanimously approved a new timeline (see below) for its grants process.

Deadline	Task
April 1	Grant requests for the current calendar year and supporting documentation are due from organizations.
April – June	The Grants Committee reviews and evaluates grant requests received by the April 1 deadline and makes recommendations to the Trustees.
June	The Trustees consider the recommendations of the Grants Committee at its June meeting.
July 1	Grant applicants are notified of the Trustees action and provided with the payment request forms.
December 1	Grant applicants must have spent the funds and requested payment from the Trustees no later than December 1.

A significant change in the grant process is that all grant projects must be completed and the grant funds expended by Dec. 1 in the year they are awarded. There will no longer be a status review and possible continuation for grant funds not expended.

Grant projects not completed and grant funds not expended by Dec. 1 will automatically be canceled as of Dec. 1, and the unexpended grant amount will revert to the fund from which they were granted. Grant applicants may make a new request in the next calendar year for the same project, with the understanding that carry-over projects will not receive priority. Grant applicants are strongly encouraged to thoroughly plan the project so that the grant funds are expended by Dec. 1.

While there is no formal grant application to complete, requests must contain information relating to the purpose of the grant, benefits derived, population to be served and the amount requested supported by a detailed budget. This is necessary to determine whether the grant meets the objectives of the Trust Fund or the Insurance Fund. The application should also establish the fact it is a “seed money” request for the commencement of a new project, except for Trust-sponsored programs.

## Grant Refund Policy

The Trustees of the Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund and Trust adopted the following policy relating to grants by either the Pennsylvania Bar Trust Fund or Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund at their April 17, 1999, meeting:

In the event of the sales materials developed or produced with the use of funds from a Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund grant or a Pennsylvania Bar Trust Fund grant, all proceeds of the sales, after deduction of actual reproduction costs of the materials sold, shall be refunded to the Fund making the grant provided that:

- a. The amount of any total refund shall not exceed the total amount of the grant,
- b. This policy shall be applicable to all grants approved on and after April 15, 1999, unless otherwise specifically provided in the specific grant, and
- c. This Resolution does not address other types of reimbursements, which will be reviewed on a grant by grant basis.

Grant requests should be forwarded to PBA Governance Manager Sandra L. Graver. Please contact Graver at [sandra.graver@pabar.org](mailto:sandra.graver@pabar.org) if you have any questions about the new grants timeline/process.

The Trustees look forward to helping the county bar associations with funding for projects and programs at the local level! ■



# Message from the YLD chair

By Lisa M.B. Woodburn

The Young Lawyers Division (YLD) of the Pennsylvania Bar Association recently met at the Seminar of the Conference of County Bar Leaders at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College. Forty-two lawyers from across Pennsylvania, representing multiple counties, attended the YLD Business Meeting. Most of the young lawyers in attendance are active members in their local bar association as well as the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Many were leaders of their local county bar associations. The Young Lawyers Division also participated in continuing legal education by providing panelists for “The Future of Electronic Filing” CLE session, which was well attended.

It was amazing to hear the activities and events organized by young lawyers

across the state. Young lawyers across Pennsylvania are not only providing valuable services to their clients but also performing valuable pro bono services and community service.



Lisa Woodburn

At the PBA Board of Governors Meeting, held in conjunction with CCBL, the Board approved the PBA’s new Bar Mentoring Program. This pilot program, which will be overseen by the YLD, will be limited to two law schools in Central Pennsylvania and 25 students. The purpose of this program is to provide one-on-one support to law students taking the bar exam, particularly second time test-takers, focusing on the essay portion of the exam. We hope the program will be a success and look forward to your cooperation!

In addition to the new Bar Mentoring Program, the YLD has a very active Mock Trial Program, in which most counties participate, as well as Project Kid Care and

Wills for Heroes. Please view our website, [www.pabar.org/public/yld/](http://www.pabar.org/public/yld/), to learn more about these programs, and contact me, personally, if you would like to become more involved or bring a program to your area.

As I look back on the past year and see all of the good done by young lawyers across Pennsylvania, it is very humbling. Young lawyers today wear many hats and have multiple responsibilities, including commitments to their clients, firms, bar associations and families. Young lawyers are practicing in an era different from previous generations, including my own. The stressors, including student loans, competition in the job market, and low pay, were not as pronounced in many previous generations. We need to support our young lawyers and encourage active participation in bar associations. Young lawyers are the future of our bar associations and our profession. It has truly been my pleasure representing young lawyers across Pennsylvania! ■



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# On the *Local Scene...*

## Beaver

### Afternoon of Pro Bono

The Beaver County Bar Association (BCBA) Pro Bono Committee and the Neighborhood Legal Services Association of Beaver County received IOLTA funding to launch a pro bono initiative called “An Afternoon of Pro Bono.” Members are asked to commit to an afternoon of providing legal advice to low-income Beaver County residents at the offices of Neighborhood Legal Services. The program is scheduled to run every Thursday through July 2011. As of early March, 19 BCBA members had committed to participate.

### Mock Trial

More than 110 members of the BCBA served as volunteer jurors, advisers and judges for the 23rd annual Beaver County Mock Trial Competition. Quigley Catholic High School defeated eight teams fielded by other county schools to advance to the district competition in Lawrence County.

### Young Lawyers tour HazMat/911 Centers

The Young Lawyers Division of the BCBA sponsored a tour of the Beaver County HazMat and 911 Centers in February. The Young Lawyers scheduled the information session as part of their efforts to fully understand how the different agencies in Beaver County coordinate their efforts during an emergency.

## Cumberland

### Judicial Evaluation Commission

The Cumberland County Bar Association’s (CCBA) Judicial Evaluation Commission completed their judicial candidate interview process and announced the ratings for the seven candidates. This was the first time the CCBA rated Common Pleas Court judicial candidates. Most members of the bar and the local media were happy about our new judicial evaluation process.

### Swearing-in ceremony

The CCBA scheduled its annual swearing-in ceremony on March 25 at 4 p.m. in the Old Courthouse courtroom for 52 new members. A reception followed at the bar office immediately after the ceremony.

## Dauphin

### Bar Foundation, local Businesses sponsor custody attorney

The Dauphin County Bar Foundation, with support from Metro Bank and other businesses, foundations and individuals, has announced that its “We Care About Children” campaign, which is coming to a close, is funding a custody attorney at MidPenn Legal Services in Harrisburg.

As a lead supporter of the campaign, Metro Bank, headquartered in Harrisburg, is donating \$25,000 over five years.

Shana Walter, the custody attorney hired through the campaign, will work to bring orderly resolution to about 100 custody matters per year during her five-year

tenure. Walter will handle family law cases exclusively to help meet the area of greatest demand at MidPenn Legal Services.

“Not only is it important for children see both parents on a regular basis, but to also see their parents working together to make visitations a priority,” said Walter. “As custody attorney, I will strive to bring resolution to divided families and ensure the well-being of both children and parents.”

Metro Bank Chairman, President and CEO Gary Nalbandian said, “Metro Bank is proud to be a leading donor of this Dauphin County Bar Foundation effort. Stable families make for stable communities. As a community bank, Metro understands the importance of supporting this cause.”

Walter, previously a staff attorney for MidPenn, began her new position in December. She is a graduate of Widener Law School.



*The Dauphin County Bar Foundation’s “We Care About Children” campaign, which is coming to a close, is funding a custody attorney at MidPenn Legal Services in Harrisburg. As a lead supporter of the campaign, Metro Bank is donating \$25,000 over five years. Pictured, from left, are Metro Bank Store Manager Jeannetta Politis, Metro Bank Retail Market Manager Brad Garfinkel, Dauphin County Bar Association Executive Director Michelle Shuker, MidPenn Legal Services Executive Director Rhodia Thomas and MidPenn Legal Services’ newly appointed custody attorney Shana Walter.*





## Erie

### CNN analyst, author Jeffrey Toobin to speak at Erie's Law Day Luncheon

Jeffrey Toobin, author of the *New York Times* bestseller "*The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court*" will be the keynote speaker at the Erie County Bar Association's annual Law Day Luncheon, Friday, April 29, at the Bayfront Convention Center. Toobin will meet privately with local high school and college students immediately following the luncheon, giving the students an opportunity to ask questions and gain a better understanding of our judicial system.



Jeffrey Toobin

The Law Day Luncheon will also recognize this year's recipients of the Liberty Bell, Chancellor of the Bar and Pro Bono Attorney of the Year awards.

### Annual Law Day Run/Walk benefits Attorney & Kids Together program

The 8th Annual 5K Law Day Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 30, at 9 a.m., fittingly in front of the Erie County Court House. The event has grown each year, a testament to how well it is organized. A top-quality, long-sleeved T-shirt is given to each pre-registrant. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities participate.

Proceeds from this event benefit the association's signature community project, Attorneys & Kids Together, which supports the educational needs of students living in local shelters.

Both the luncheon and run/walk are open to the public. Additional information and registration will be available soon at [www.eriebar.com](http://www.eriebar.com).

## Fayette

### Spreading cheer through Toys for Tots

The Fayette County Bar Association (FCBA) celebrated the holiday season by

sharing cheer with their colleagues and spreading cheer with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. Members of the bench and bar met at Caleigh's Restaurant to enjoy their annual holiday party, and everyone who attended brought a gift to donate to the Toys for Tots program. Dan Martin, the local coordinator for Toys for Tots, collected the truckload of gifts that were distributed to Fayette County children just in time for the holiday. Celebrating the season with the bar association membership were Judge Steve Leskinen and attorney Daniel Webster, FCBA president. This is the sixth year that the Fayette County Bar Association has joined with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. According to Webster, this event has become a holiday tradition for the Fayette County Bar Association.

## Franklin

### Admission ceremony

Seventeen attorneys — a record for a single year — were admitted to the Bar of Franklin County on Dec. 10. The new admittees heard remarks from Judge Shawn

Meyers on behalf of the bench of the Court of Common Pleas, from Franklin County Bar Association President John Keller, and from Kevin Taccino, vice chairperson of the bar association's Young Lawyers Division. The YLD hosted a reception in honor of the new members following the ceremony.

### YLD in chili cook-off

The Young Lawyers Division of the Franklin County Bar Association participated for the third consecutive year in the annual IceFest Chili Cook-Off, held Jan. 29 in downtown Chambersburg. Proceeds from the event benefit downtown revitalization efforts and the local arts council. YLD members successfully defended their "Best Booth" title as well!

## Lebanon

### New face at Lebanon Co. Bar Association

The Lebanon County Bar Association has hired Susan Wolf to serve as an administrative assistant, working 20 hours per week. Her duties, which began March 14, include staffing the office, keeping the public informed about LCBA activities,



Fayette County Bar Association members collecting gifts for the Toys for Tots program are: (first row, from left) Linda Cordaro, John Zeglen, Emilie Cupp; (second row, from left) Daniel Webster, Marianne Miele, John Cupp, Dan Martin; and (last row) Judge Steve Leskinen.

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maintaining the website, and organizing LCBA events and programs. Wolf's experience includes working with state and national association communications departments as both a staff member and an independent contractor. To reach Wolf, e-mail her at [lebcobar@lmf.net](mailto:lebcobar@lmf.net).

## Lehigh

### New career center launched

The Bar Association of Lehigh County (BALC) recently launched a Web-based career center that connects job seekers with prospective employers in the legal industry. The new job board, powered by career services leader JobTarget, can be found at [www.LehighBar.org](http://www.LehighBar.org) (Career Center). Access is available to BALC members and non-members alike.

"Our association promotes industry knowledge, networking and excellence," says BALC Executive Director Dan LaBert. "Launching an online career center for professionals in the legal field, and in our geographic region, is a natural extension of that mission."

BALC's employment marketplace, like other JobTarget-powered career centers, distinguishes itself from generalist job boards in a number of ways. These include:

- a highly-targeted focus on employment opportunities in a certain sector, location or demographic;
- anonymous resume posting and job application-enabling job candidates to stay connected to the employment market while maintaining full control over their confidential information;
- an advanced Job Alert system that notifies candidates of new opportunities matching their own pre-selected criteria;
- access to industry-specific jobs – and top-quality candidates – often not seen on Monster, CareerBuilder or HotJobs.

"Niche job boards, like the one we've designed for BALC, are an ideal way to recruit top candidates," says JobTarget

CEO Andrew Banever. "Our customized career centers also attract new members—both individuals and businesses—to associations such as BALC. That helps drive participation in conferences, professional development workshops, award programs, and other exclusive benefits."

To visit the Career Center, log onto the BALC website, [www.LehighBar.org](http://www.LehighBar.org), and click "Career Center." Once there you can immediately post your resume or a job opening. For additional information, please contact BALC at 610-433-6204 or [dlabert@lehighbar.org](mailto:dlabert@lehighbar.org).

## Montgomery

### Looking toward the future

Under the leadership of Judge Carolyn T. Carluccio, the Montgomery Bar Association is working hard to diversify its future leadership, continue its unprecedented growth, and better reflect the communities its members serve in court and in legal transactions. For starters, a task force of prominent judges, lawyers and educators has been formed to explore issues of diversity and stimulate change. The MBA has also partnered with neighboring Villanova University's School of Law, where Carluccio and select young lawyers will provide third-year law students early exposure to the bar and its virtues via a series of collaborative programs scheduled throughout the year. Nearly 100 students have already registered to attend the first such program – an April 14 panel discussion on professionalism and what the practice of law is really like. Among other collaborative efforts, the association will join law students with mentoring young lawyers to serve as coaches for next year's High School Mock Trial Competitions.

## Washington

### 'Stepping Out' booklet revised

The Washington County Bar Association and its Young Lawyers Division have recently revised the "Stepping Out for High School Seniors" booklet, reducing it to 12 pages, changing the name to "Turning 18: Legal Issues in the Real World" and including Washington County-specific information. It is available for use (and local revision) by other Pennsylvania county bar associations at no cost. Contact Executive Director Kathy Sabol at [kathy@washcobar.org](mailto:kathy@washcobar.org) for information.

## York

### York Co. Truancy Prevention Initiative

The York County Bar Foundation, in partnership with other York County foundations, is building upon and sustaining the work of the York County Truancy Prevention Initiative. The mission of this initiative is to reduce the truant population in York County by establishing a protocol for improved communication, instituting a consistent response to this issue and initiating intervention. The initiative was featured at a statewide conference sponsored by the Juvenile Judges Commission, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers and the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges and has been designated the model program for Pennsylvania.

### York Co. Military/Veterans Committee

The newly-formed York County Military and Veterans Committee was created under the auspices of veteran and York County Bar President Craig Trebilcock. This committee will provide pro bono legal assistance to deployed and mobilized military personnel and their families. ■

*Save the date!*

## PABE Retreat coming soon

Don't forget to save the date for the upcoming Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives (PABE) Retreat! Here are the details:

**WHERE:** Sheraton Erie Bayfront

**WHEN:** Thursday, Aug. 18, thru Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011

**RESERVATIONS:**

Call central reservations at 1-888-627-8094  
Room block is good until July 19 at 5 p.m.  
Room rate is \$149 per night, plus taxes, etc., and \$12 per night for parking. If you book after the block date, rooms will be at the hotel's prevailing rate.

*Programming information will be announced in April.  
Mark your calendars now, and make your room reservations soon.*

## Deadline approaches for 2011 Pro Bono Awards


The PBA Legal Service to the Public Committee is accepting nominations for the 2011 Pro Bono Awards. This is the 24th year that the committee is seeking individual award nominees and the seventh year it is seeking nominees for the "Judges Award" and the "Civil Legal Aid Attorney of the Year Award," which are presented in recognition of exceptional contributions to improving civil legal aid in the commonwealth.

The 2011 Pro Bono Awards nominations are due on April 15, and the awardees will be announced on Law Day in May.

This is your chance to recognize and thank lawyers and judges who have used their talents to help the needy. Download the nomination form at <http://www.pabar.org/public/probono/awards.asp>. For more information, send an e-mail to the PBA's David Trevaskis at [david.trevaskis@pabar.org](mailto:david.trevaskis@pabar.org). ■

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# Courses offered by the PBI

Dates, times and locations are subject to change. Contact PBI's Customer Service Department for more information at 800-932-4637, 800-247-4724 or 717-796-0804 or visit their Web site at [www.pbi.org](http://www.pbi.org).

## 12th Annual Legal Issues in an Age of Aging

*April 28: Philadelphia*

*Simulcast – April 28: Doylestown, Easton, Mechanicsburg*

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.;  
6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics\*)

*\*Must attend entire program to receive ethics credit.*

## 14th Annual Federal Securities Law Forum

*April 29: Philadelphia*

*Simulcast – April 29: Mechanicsburg, Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre*

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.;  
6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics\*)

*\*Must attend entire program to receive ethics credit.*

## Advanced Piercing the Corporate Veil

*April 14: Pittsburgh*

*Simulcast – April 8: Mechanicsburg, Philadelphia, West Chester, and Cleveland, Ohio*

12 p.m. to 2 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.;  
2 CLE credits (substantive)

## Basics of Consumer Bankruptcy Practice

*May 12: Philadelphia; May 18:*

*Pittsburgh; April 5: Mechanicsburg*

*Simulcast – April 5: Beaver, Chambersburg, Doylestown, Johnstown, Mill Hall, New Castle, Uniontown, Warren, Wilkes-Barre, and Baltimore, Md.*

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.;  
6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics\*)

*\*Must attend entire program to receive ethics credit.*

## Boundary Law in Pennsylvania

*June 8: Pittsburgh; June 21: Philadelphia*

*Simulcast – June 28: Allentown, Erie, Meadville, Mechanicsburg, Mill Hall, New Castle, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York*

8:30 a.m. to 12:45 a.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.;  
4 CLE credits (substantive)

## Control Your Process, Control Your Costs – New Protocols in Arbitration

*Simulcast – June 7: Allentown,*

*Doylestown, Easton, Erie, Johnstown, Mansfield, Meadville, Mechanicsburg, Mill Hall, New Castle, Norristown, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Reading, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York*

9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; check-in at  
8:30 a.m.; 3 CLE credits (1.5 substantive/  
1.5 ethics)

## Family Law Institute 2011

*April 13: Philadelphia*

*Simulcast – April 13: Allentown, Canonsburg, Chambersburg, Easton, Mansfield, Meadville, Mechanicsburg, Mill Hall, New Castle, Pittsburgh,*

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6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics\*)  
\*Must attend entire program to receive ethics credit.

**Flowing Into the Future: Evolving Water Issues**

*Simulcast – June 21: Allentown, Erie, Mechanicsburg, Media, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York*

9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.;  
4 CLE credits (substantive)

**General Practitioner's Update 2011**

*June 15: Philadelphia; June 22: Pittsburgh; June 29: Mechanicsburg*  
*Simulcast – June 29: Allentown, Beaver, Chambersburg, Doylestown, Greensburg, Meadville, Media, Mill Hall, New Castle, Norristown, Reading, Stroudsburg, Warren, Waynesburg, Wilkes-Barre, York*

8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.;  
6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics)

**How to Avoid "Nightmares": Marcellus Shale Planning Techniques**

*Simulcast – May 17: Beaver, Easton, Johnstown, Mansfield, Meadville, Mechanicsburg, Mill Hall, Montrose, New Castle, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren*

12 p.m. to 2 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.;  
2 CLE credits (substantive)

**INTEGRITY: Good People, Bad Choices & Life Lessons from the White House**

*April 20: Philadelphia*

*Simulcast – April 20: Allentown, Easton, Erie, Mansfield, Meadville, Mechanicsburg, Mill Hall, New Castle, Pittsburgh, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, Wilkes-Barre, York*

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The Hilton Harrisburg



**PBA Annual Meeting**

May 4-6  
Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel,  
Philadelphia



**PBA Real Property, Probate and Trust  
Law Section Annual Meeting**

May 4-5  
Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel,  
Philadelphia



**PBA Women in the Profession  
18th Annual Conference**

May 5  
Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel,  
Philadelphia



**PBA House of Delegates Meeting**

May 6  
Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel,  
Philadelphia

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