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PBA Young Lawyers Division Summer Meeting is July 27-29 at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College

Young lawyers are invited to attend the 2016 YLD Summer Meeting and New Admittee Conference at Toftrees Golf Resort State College. This is the annual premier legal conference planned for young lawyers by young lawyers. Attire is casual – No suits allowed!

- Earn CLE credits with fellow young lawyers from all over the state in a relaxed environment.
- Enjoy social and recreational activities with your family and other conference attendees. You have the option of touring of wineries, breweries and Penn State Beaver Stadium.
- Meet and network with other lawyers across the commonwealth as well as justices, judges and Pennsylvania Bar Association leaders.

See page 2 for the schedule and page 3 for more information about the New Admittee Conference. Click [here](#) for the brochure and registration form.



AGENDA

2016 PBA YLD Summer Meeting & New Admittee Conference

Wednesday, July 27

4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. New Admittee Roundtable

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. First-time attendees meet and greet with PBA leadership and PBA/YLD Council.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Dinner

Opening remarks: YLD Chair Joel Seelye
Guest Speaker: Hon. Matthew Brann - US District Court Middle District of PA

9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Trivia Night

Join us for a fun night of trivia. Compete against other teams of young (and young-at-heart) lawyers in a battle of wits! Teams will participate for prizes and the chance to be trivia champions. MC: Marc Faubel
The YLD gratefully acknowledges Centre County Bar Association for its generous support of Trivia Night.

Thursday, July 28

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting

Get an update on what is happening in the YLD, learn about this year's programs and how you can expand your practice through Division participation. Bring your ideas about programs you want to see the Division implement and ways the PBA YLD can assist your county with young lawyer programs.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. "A Dozen Ways to Anger a Judge"
(1 CLE Ethics credit)

Judge Richard B. Klein spent more than 35 years on the bench and has seen lawyers repeatedly do things guaranteed to drive a judge up the wall. He has narrowed the list of sins to a dozen and will demonstrate them in a series of vignettes. He will point out that the same things that anger a judge also violate the Rules of Professional Conduct.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. "Practice before the Commonwealth Court" *(1 CLE credit)*

What is the Commonwealth Court? Join a panel consisting of a Commonwealth Court judge, the Chief Clerk and an experienced practitioner, who will provide a foundation on the Commonwealth Court and tips for presenting a case before the Court. They will discuss e-filing, tracking records and dockets, motions practice, civil and appellate rules, oral argument and brief drafting.

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. "Breaking Bad" *(1 CLE Ethics credit)*

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 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."

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. "Introduction to Estate Administration"
(1 CLE credit)

Learn the basics of estate administration from our panel of experienced attorneys. Whether you're a new attorney or just want some insight into the estate administration process, this informative CLE will introduce you to the probate process, estate and inheritance tax, and how to handle the sometimes difficult creditor or beneficiary.

2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Free time

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Stadium Tour

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Distillery Tour

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Winery Tour

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Dinner & Band

Remarks: PBA President Sara A. Austin
Band: His Boy Elroy

Friday, July 29

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. "Practical Tips (They Didn't Tell You in Law School) to Help You Succeed" *(1 CLE credit)*

Young lawyers will share some of the most valuable, practical, real-world lessons they learned the hard way as they began their legal careers. The program will give you lots of pointers and advice, 60 tips in 60 minutes, to help you succeed in your practice.

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. "Navigating the Courthouse" *(1 CLE credit)*

Aimed at the newly admitted young lawyer, this informative CLE will provide practical information and tips on where and how to file items, who is best to contact at the courthouse if there are issues/questions/concerns about a case, and how to interact with courthouse and judicial staff in a professional manner in order to effectively navigate the courthouse.



Continuing Legal Education Arm
of the Pennsylvania Bar Association

The MCLE programs for the 2016 PBA YLD Summer Meeting are presented in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. The Pennsylvania Bar Institute is approved by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court CLE Board as an accredited CLE provider. The individual CLE programs for this conference have been approved for the number of credit hours indicated.



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Seeking Young Lawyers for PBA New Admittee Conference

Dear County Bar President:



Joel Seelye, YLD Chair

The Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division will again host the annual New Admittee Conference to provide enriching opportunities for Pennsylvania’s young lawyers. The New Admittee Conference will be held in conjunction with the YLD Summer Meeting at the Toftrees Resort in State College, PA, on July 27-29, 2016. This conference encourages young lawyers to actively participate in their local and state bar associations and also highlights the many opportunities available to young attorneys through their membership in the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

The YLD Summer Meeting and New Admittee Conference offers young lawyers opportunities to network with their colleagues and learn from experienced practitioners, judges, and legislators. We expect to have as our guests justices from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, many judges from various courts throughout the commonwealth, government attorneys from various agencies, and practitioners from all across the commonwealth. Attendees of all ranges of experience will be given the opportunity to earn CLE credit in a relaxed environment as well as enjoy social and recreational activities with their families and each other.

As County Bar president, please identify a “new admittee” representative (a young lawyer that will have been in practice for less than three years) from your county to participate in this conference. The benefits to be realized by the Pennsylvania Bar Association and local bar associations is highly dependent on having at least one representative from each of the sixty-five county bar associations attend. The Pennsylvania Bar Association will sponsor one New Admittee county representative from each county, providing for lodging as well as meals for those individuals. We expect that the only cost county YLD New Admittee representatives will incur will be travel costs to and from State College and earning CLE credits – a small price for the benefits the new admittee will receive by attending the conference.

At the conference, your new admittee will attend CLE sessions targeted to the interests of young lawyers, learn about opportunities for participating in law related education activities, and meet lawyers, judges and officials from around Pennsylvania, all in the hopes that they will be better prepared for leadership roles in both your local bar association and the PBA.

Your assistance in helping us to identify a local young lawyer is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at joel@grabillandseelye.com or YLD Coordinator Maria Engles at maria.engles@pabar.org.

Sincerely,
Joel Seelye, YLD Chair





Luzerne County Bar Association Travel CLE Committee 2016 "Wildlife to Wine" Trip to Africa, Oct. 10-22, 2016. For more information, go to <https://www.gate1travel.com/groups/AFR835423>

Luzerne County Bar Association Travel CLE Committee Plans "Wildlife to Wine" Trip to Africa

By Elaine Cook

When I was elected president of the Luzerne County Bar Association a couple of years ago, I decided to combine my love of travel with the creation of a never-been-done-before Travel CLE Committee. I wasn't exactly sure how it should work, but with the help of another travel enthusiast, Attorney Lee Ann Palubinsky, we bounced ideas around, listened to our members, and let it unfold with our fingers crossed and hoped for the best.

The Travel CLE Committee was born and the adventures began. In the inaugural trip to Cuba, our members returned with first-hand knowledge about this island nation, its history, human rights issues, communism and much more. A Cuba-themed CLE night to educate our bar association members was well received. We knew we were on to something, and momentum was growing.

The next adventure was a five-country Scandinavian tour to Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland and Estonia. Our members traveled with us vicariously as we presented an after-adventure class at

our bar association's annual bench-bar conference attended by more than 300 members. These new educational offerings will change each year as we travel from destination to destination.

Our next trip in October will be a "wildlife to wine" five-country tour of Africa. In just two weeks away from the office, travelers will experience an adventure of a lifetime. We will start off with gorilla trekking in Rwanda, a visit to the genocide museum in Kigali, onto Victoria Falls and safari adventures on the mighty Zambezi River in Zimbabwe, a safari in Chobe National Park in Botswana, a tour in Zambia and then to the beautiful wine country of Cape Town in South Africa.

Our next destination in 2017 will be to India, Bhutan and Nepal in Asia.

Will we eventually travel to all seven continents? The answer will be revealed as our Travel CLE Committee plans future adventures!

The PBA and numerous county bar association leaders have been curious to learn about how we made this newly formed committee so successful. Bar

association leaders have told me that they love the concept and its unique perspective on bringing varied education topics back to the bar association via CLE offerings. We now live in a global society and are interdependent on other parts of the world and its peoples. Learning first hand has been energizing for many of our members who can travel on our carefully planned trips, and has been eye opening to attendees of the educational sessions presented by our members.

Our bar association was pleased to receive an award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association at the 2016

Conference of County Bar Leaders for the creation of its successful Travel CLE Committee and its programs. This PBA award was a great honor and motivates us for more travel and more education. We want to not only teach our members, but to share our successful program with other bar leaders, so that it will hopefully be copied for the benefit of other bar associations across the state and possibly even the country. Join us and travel, learn and educate!

What started out as a rough concept has become smoothed out as we embarked on each trip and CLE offering. Other bar leaders don't have to recreate the wheel; they can learn from us and even join us. Our bar association's adventures are open to our members, family, friends, and other members of the legal community, including all of the PBA, as well as their family and friends. We hope you can join us on one of our next adventures! Bon Voyage!



Elaine Cook, founder and co-chair of the Luzerne County Bar Association Travel CLE Committee

Young Lawyers Named for Bar Leadership Institute's 2016-17 Class



Chester County Bar Association Advocacy Academy Oct. 20 and 21, 2016

**Thursday, Oct. 20 & Friday, Oct. 21
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day
Chester County Bar Association
15 W. Gay Street, West Chester
Enrollees will receive 14 substantive
and 2 ethics credits.**

This year's outstanding two-day program will concentrate on helping you become an excellent litigator in the non-jury, tribunal arena. The panels will include experts in civil litigation, domestic relations, land use planning, and criminal law. Many Chester County judges have agreed to assist with the panel programs and the instruction session in an effort to help you attain the proficiency needed to excel in the courtroom.

Enrollment is limited to 15 participants.
Cost: \$650 per person
(includes 16 hrs. CLE credit)
(Food and beverages will be provided.)

All interested candidates
should contact:
Larry Goldberg at
lgoldberg@gmmlaw.net

Pennsylvania Bar Association President Sara A. Austin has named 12 Pennsylvania lawyers to the 2016-17 class of the association's Bar Leadership Institute (BLI).

"We recognize the importance of investing in young attorneys, helping them connect and form relationships with more seasoned members, promoting opportunities to share expertise throughout the state and learn more about the varied paths to leadership within the PBA," said Austin.

These are the members of the 2016-17 BLI class:

Beaver County

Edward A. "Ted" Knafelc, Strassburger McKenn Gutnick & Gefsky, Beaver

Bucks County

Andrew J. Throckmorton, Brown Law PLLC, Newtown

Butler County

Nicole Thurner-Kievit, Heck Silbaugh Attorneys at Law, Valencia

Centre County

Dr. Jennifer K. Wagner, State College

Crawford County

Sarah L. Quinn, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Meadville

Dauphin County

*Rachel R. Hadrick, McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC, Harrisburg
Peter W. Klein, Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau, Harrisburg*

Erie County

Denise C. Pekelnicky, Law Office of Denise Pekelnicky, North East

Lehigh County

Isaac A. Hof, Seidel, Cohen, Hof & Reid LLC, Bethlehem

Luzerne County

Diana M. Collins, Pittston

Schuylkill County

Ashley M. Securda, Williamson Friedberg & Jones LLC, Pottsville

Westmoreland County

Zachary J. Kansler, Tremba, Kinney, Greiner & Kerr LLC, Greensburg

This year's BLI co-chairs are Melinda C. Ghilardi, Office of the Federal Public Defender – Middle District of Pennsylvania, Scranton, and Lisa M. Benzie of Navitsky, Olson & Wisneski LLP, Harrisburg. Both Ghilardi and Benzie have served in a number of PBA leadership roles, including terms on the PBA Board of Governors.

Candidates had to demonstrate leadership ability, commit to attendance and participation in the required events, be currently licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, be a PBA member, and be age 38 years or younger or have practiced five years or less.

The BLI was originally developed by Arthur L. Piccone of Kingston in 1995-96 during his year as PBA president to strengthen the PBA's ongoing efforts to recruit and develop leaders of the association. The first chair of the institute, Gretchen A. Mundorff of Conellsville, re-launched the BLI during her PBA presidency in 2010-11.

New Law Practice Management Seminars Begin in September

Beginning in September, the following new seminars will be available for presentation to your members. The second is particularly applicable to those who have been in their own practice for only a few years, or are contemplating starting a practice.

Build Your Marketing Plan

(1.0 - 1.5 hrs: Ethics)

Today's marketing efforts require a laser focus, and sometimes difficult decisions. Additionally, a watchful eye must remain focused on the Ethical Rules which come into play. If your great ideas don't translate into action, or you can't focus your thoughts on specific strategies at all, this session is designed for you. By the end of the session you will have the beginning of your detailed marketing plan on paper, and the knowledge to complete the process.

Fine Tuning Your New Practice - Improve Efficiency and Operational Oversight

(1.0 - 1.5 hrs: Ethics)

A successful firm must have procedures and tools which support client service, financial well-being, effective internal and external communications, retention of good employees, and make you want to go to work each day. Find out what your firm can tweak to improve.



Ellen Freedman
PBA Law Practice Management
Coordinator

For additional information about arranging a presentation for your county, contact Ellen Freedman, CLM, PBA Law Practice Management Coordinator at 800-932-0311 x2228.

PA Bar Insurance Fund and Trust Fund Officers and Trustees Reappointed

The Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund and Trust Fund is pleased to announce that former vice chair, Mason Avrigian, Sr., counsel to the firm of Wisler Pearlstine, LLP, Montgomery County, has been appointed to chair and former treasurer, Heidi B. Masano, managing partner of Masano Bradley LLP, Berks County, has been appointed to vice chair. Forest N. Myers, owner of Law Office Forest N. Myers, Franklin County, has been elected to serve as secretary and Linda S. Pellish, partner of Pellish & Pellish, Schuylkill County, has been elected to serve as treasurer.

Bethann R. Lloyd, a partner with Cipriani & Werner PC, Allegheny County, Forest N. Myers, owner of Law Office of Forest N. Myers, Franklin County, and



Mason Avrigian, Sr.

Paul C. Troy, a partner with Kane Pugh Knoell Troy and Kramer LLP, Montgomery County were all appointed as trustees for their first term.

The Pennsylvania Bar Trust Fund was established to provide funds to promote educational and charitable purposes associated with the legal profession and the administration of justice with particular reference to the promotion of such purposes within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It was originally funded through the contribution of dividends by all policyholders participating in the insurance plans and the experience credits earned by the plans under the master group insurance contract. The current master plan does not yield

dividends and the only source of income to the Trust Fund is through its portfolio, which is managed by the trustees.

The Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund was established to provide and monitor the insurance plans offered to all members of the PBA and their employees. This fund was established as a separate entity and funds held by the Insurance Fund must be segregated from the funds held by the Trust Fund.

The trustees are empowered with the authority to administer and control both the Trust and Insurance Funds. The chair and vice chair are nominated by the PBA president and elected by the PBA Board of Governors. All trustees are nominated by the PBA president and elected by the PBA Board of Governors. Trustees may not serve more than two successive four-year terms.



Allegheny County

Legal Tweet Service Monitors Local Courts

Attorneys are busy and rarely have time to monitor the courts for the latest decisions, court rule amendments and judicial opinions. The ACBA now does this for members through its Legal Tweet Service.

Sponsored by bit-x-bit, the Legal Tweet Service monitors courts of interest to Pittsburgh-area attorneys for breaking information, compiles that information and publishes brief summaries at ACBA.org/LegalTweets. The summaries include links to full court documents.

Once that information is published online, it is then tweeted @Allegheny-CoBar and published at [Facebook.com/AlleghenyCountyBar](https://www.facebook.com/AlleghenyCountyBar). The ACBA Legal Tweet Service is the only Pittsburgh-area service that gathers this information and compiles it into one place.

Legal Employment Services Launched

ACBA Legal Employment Services launched this spring. This new service is designed to meet the needs of the entire Pittsburgh-area legal community by offering career counseling, legal job placement and diverse candidate recruitment.

The team ACBA Legal Employment Services works to match those seeking jobs as attorneys, paralegals and other legal professionals with western Pennsylvania law firms, corporations and nonprofit organizations looking to hire. Additionally, the ACBA purchased the easy-to-remember www.PittsburghLegalJobs.com domain name to help jobseekers and employers easily take advantage of this service.

Attorney Stephanie Zagrocki was named to oversee the day-to-day operations of ACBA Legal Employment Services.

ACBA Holds Transgender Rights Discussion

The ACBA hosted “Translating Transgender Issues: Understanding the Challenges Faced by Transgender

Pennsylvanians” on June 9 in downtown Pittsburgh.

Dr. Rachel Levine, physician general for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a transgender woman, was the keynote speaker. Levine discussed healthcare access issues faced by transgender individuals, among other topics.

Additional panel members included Pennsylvania State Rep. Dan Frankel, Michael D. Silverman, executive director of the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund, and Maryellen Madden, a Pittsburgh-area transgender attorney.

The program was organized by the ACBA LGBT Rights Committee, in conjunction with the ACBA Young Lawyers Division Diversity Committee and the ACBA Health Law Section. Sponsoring law firms included Littler Mendelson; Meyer, Unkovic and Scott; Buchanan, Ingersoll and Rooney; and Stanley M. Stein.

Kaplan Lecture a Success

More than 80 individuals – primarily Pittsburgh-area attorneys – attended the 13th Annual Kaplan Lecture on Mediation, held in downtown Pittsburgh on May 25. The keynote speaker was Brad Heckman, CEO of the New York Peace Institute, who presented “From NASA to NYPD: Embedding Mediation Skills into Unlikely Environments.” He used humorous anecdotes and original drawings to illustrate key points on mediation techniques.

The event was presented by the ACBA Collaborative Law Committee, the ACBA Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee, Collaborative Law Association of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Center for Victims Dialog and Mediation Services, and the Mediation Council of Western Pennsylvania.

Prominent State Officials Visit ACBA

As the state budget continues to be on the minds of many Pennsylvanians, the ACBA hosted prominent state govern-

ment officials at two separate events in recent months.

Pennsylvania Secretary of Revenue Eileen H. McNulty discussed Gov. Tom Wolf’s tax plan at an ACBA Taxation Section luncheon on April 29. Then, on June 1, Sen. Jay Costa, the minority leader in the Pennsylvania Senate, spoke at the ACBA Environment and Energy Law Section Annual Meeting. He discussed the state budget, as well as topics of particular interest to environmental and/or energy attorneys.

Blair County

The Blair County Young Lawyers Division continues to sponsor Lunch & Learns at the Blair County Courthouse in Hollidaysburg. Recently, the Blair County Bar Association held a Lunch & Learn, “Practice Before the Minor Judiciary.” Additionally, the Blair County Young Lawyers Division is currently exploring presenting the “Bridging the Gap” CLE to new attorneys in August 2016.

The Blair County YLD sponsored a Wills for Heroes event on April 9 at the Cypress Building on the campus of Penn State Altoona. Local lawyers, volunteers and students from Penn State Altoona’s Criminal Justice Organization prepared estate planning documents for more than 25 local servicemen and servicewomen, police officers, firefighters, emergency personnel and spouses. It is expected that one or two more Wills for Heroes events will be staged in Blair County before the end of 2016.

Zone 8 and the Blair County YLD are organizing a group of young lawyers to be sworn in on an argument day at the Supreme Court of the United States. All slots are currently full, and plans are moving forward for the admission ceremony during the Fall 2016 Supreme Court term.

The Blair County Bar Association is organizing a fundraiser and blood drive to



benefit the seven-year-old daughter of a local attorney who was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

Chester County

1L Diverse Law Student Summer Program

In an effort to promote the practice of law in Chester County and to achieve greater diversity in our legal community, the Chester County Bar Association is in its second year of its 1L Diverse Law Student Summer Program. This program was designed by the 2015 president, Craig A. Styer, Esq., to afford first-year law students who self-identify with those groups historically discriminated against on the basis of disability, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression or who otherwise come from a disadvantaged background the opportunity for summer employment in the field of law.

Candidates from area law schools were interviewed for five positions at the law firms of Fox Rothschild LLP; Gawthrop Greenwood, PC; Lamb McErlane PC; MacElree Harvey Ltd. and Saul Ewing LLP. The Chester County Bar Foundation also provided a grant to support a student that will work with both the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County and Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania. During the eight-week program, these students will work hands-on with Chester County attorneys and also attend numerous speaking engagements with judges from the Chester County Court of Common Pleas and the United State District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Chester County District Attorney's Office, prominent attorneys, as well as several social and networking events. The summer program will culminate with a reception where the students will share their experiences with all those in attendance.

Habitat for Humanity

The Chester County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division and several of its members will participate in a Habitat for Humanity Team Build Project. Habitat for Humanity's mission is to build homes with the belief that everyone, everywhere, should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. More than building homes, Habitat builds communities, hope and the opportunity for families to help themselves. Donning Habitat for Humanity Volunteer t-shirts, "Team CCBA" will work together to build a home for a deserving family in our community. Participating in this project is a small way to give back to our community and is a way to improve the image of the legal profession.

Dauphin County

DCBA Lawyers Help Young Refugees

Many children in Pennsylvania lack legal immigration status and fear being sent back to places where they will be physically exploited or abused. This spring, the Dauphin County Bar Association and HIAS hosted a CLE that was free for any attorney willing to provide pro bono legal services to help refugee children find a safe home. Before HIAS could obtain protection status for these young refugees, HIAS needed family lawyers to help caregivers gain legal custody. Pro bono attorney Lori K. Serratelli, of Serratelli Schiffman, "could not say no" when she heard the story about how "Sarah," as a young teenage girl, escaped Guatemala and crossed the border in hopes of joining her sister in Harrisburg. Thanks to Lori's work, Sarah is now safe.

Erie County

Michael Smerconish Addresses Sold Out Crowd at Law Day Luncheon

Nearly 600 people filled the grand ballroom at the Bayfront Convention Center on April 28 to hear keynote



speaker Michael Smerconish during the Erie County Bar Association's annual Law Day Luncheon. Smerconish, an attorney who is perhaps best known as host of the eponymous Smerconish on CNN and The Michael Smerconish Program is on SiriusXM.

Smerconish made time for local high school and college students from 14 schools during a lecture and Q&A preceding the luncheon. The Erie County Bar Association also honored local leaders within and outside of the legal profession. Attorney Gary V. Skiba received the Pro Bono Award; the Honorable Thomas P. Agresti was named Chancellor of the Bar after a brief presentation that noted milestones in both his personal and professional life; and City Councilwoman and founder of Mothers Against Teen Violence, Sonya Arrington, was honored as the 2016 Liberty Bell Award recipient. The Liberty Bell Award recognizes a non-legal professional and Erie resident for community service that has "strengthened the American system of freedom under law".

Michael Smerconish then took the stage for an hour-long discussion of this year's presidential elections, the polariza-



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tion of the current political climate, the impact of the media on today's political dialogue and the transformation of election coverage since the end of the Gulf War. Smerconish also touched upon his own professional and political backgrounds, noting differences in attitudes from when his interest and participation in politics began in the early 1980s while still in college.

5K Wraps Up Successful Law Day Weekend

The ECBA wrapped up its Law Day weekend celebration with a 5K run/walk on Saturday, April 30, with help from the Erie Runner's Club. Runners and walkers of various ages and experience participated in the event, which benefits the ECBA's Attorneys and Kids Together Program. The AKT program supports the educational needs of local students living in homeless situations, and a donation from the 5K proceeds is also made to the Erie Runners Club Scholarship Fund in appreciation of the group's support for the race. This year's Law Day 5K raised \$11,250 for AKT, bringing a cumulative total from the past 13 years to \$154,330!



Erie County Bar Association Law Day weekend celebration 5K run/walk



The Erie County Bar Associations' Attorneys and Kids Together (AKT) Kid Konnection program

13th Year Well Underway for Kid Konnection Program

The Erie County Bar Association's Attorneys and Kids Together (AKT) Kid Konnection program has been busy since its kickoff event in April at the Experience Children's Museum. Most recently, Kid Konnection volunteer attorneys and their mentees, a total of 28 local students this year, traveled from Erie to Peek n' Peak resort in Clymer, New York for a day-long adventure outing that included a few hours in the adventure activity area, a round of mini golf and a ride on the ski lift. Kid Konnection's final outing this year will be a summer picnic on July 20 at the Erie Zoo.

In its 13th year, Kid Konnection is a short-term mentoring program that educates, builds trust and self-esteem, and develops positive life experiences between attorneys and local children ages 5 through 12. Attorneys and Kids Together (AKT) is now in its 17th year, and continues to support the educational needs of students living in homeless situations. The Honorable Thomas P. Agresti, who was awarded 2016 Chancellor of the Bar at this year's Law Day Luncheon, was instrumental in the founding and development of AKT in 1999.

Fayette County

On May 20, 2016, PA Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas G. Saylor, PBA President Sara A. Austin and PBA

President-elect Sharon R. Lopez celebrated with members of the Fayette County Bar Association bench and bar at its 123rd annual bar banquet held at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort. Guests acknowledged 50-year member George L. Hallal and welcomed the FCBA's newest member, Shane M. Gannon. Banquet Chair/President-elect John M. Purcell planned the event. FCBA President Anne N. John introduced the chief justice, who was inducted as an honorary member of the bar at the conclusion of the event.

Fayette/Westmoreland Counties

Fayette County, Westmoreland County, and Penn State Fayette collaborated to present the 3-credit CLE "Serving Those Who Served: Veteran's Benefits, Programs, and Legal Issues. Attorneys, students and community health and human service providers were invited to attend this event that was held at the PSU Fayette Campus on April 29. The morning started with a film short of the documentary "Journal to Normal - Women of War Come Home," followed by a presentation from the film's producer/director, JulieHera DeStefano. Panelists included: Attorney Michael Quatrini (accredited attorney for VA Compensation and Pension Matters); Attorney Michele Vollmer (clinical director, Penn State Law Veterans Legal Clinic); Kate Vozar



Fayette County Bar Association bench and bar: Joseph Segilia, David Trevaskis, Anne John, Michael Quatrini, Michele Vollmer, JulieHera DeStefano, Andrew Swensen



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PBA President Sara Austin, President-elect Sharon Lopez, Judge Capuzzi, Judge George, Judge Leskinen, Chief Justice Saylor, President Judge Wagner, Anne John, John Purcell, Judge Solomon

(Fayette County problem solving court liaison) and Keather Likins (Veteran's Justice outreach specialist). Attorney David Trevaskis (PBA pro bono coordinator) served as the program moderator. This is the second year of collaboration between Fayette, Westmoreland and PSU Fayette to plan and present programs that are open to bar association members and to the community.

Lawrence County

Law Day 2016 was held in Courtroom Number One of the Lawrence County Government Center on May 2. President Judge Dominick Motto presided over the proceedings, assisted by Judge Craig Cox, and Judge David Acker. President Judge Dominick Motto welcomed those in attendance and thanked elected officials, attorneys, families and friends of the essay winners for their attendance at the annual program.

Judge Motto spoke on the American Bar Association's Law Day theme, "Miranda: More than Words." 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court case *Miranda v. Arizona*.

Anthony Piatek, chairman of the Lawrence County Bar Association Law Day Committee presented the Annual Essay Scholarship awards. This is the 32nd anniversary of the essay contest. Including this year,

the bar association has awarded \$78,500 in scholarships to Lawrence County students. Each year, the Law Day Committee chooses a current topic being argued in the U.S. Supreme Court for the essay contest. This year's essay topic was: Does the First Amendment protect a government employee from disciplinary action for supporting a political candidate? The essay contest information is sent to school guidance counselors, principals and teachers and is published in the local newspapers. The contest is open to all graduating Lawrence County public high school seniors attending college in the fall. The Bar Association Law Day Essay Committee includes attorneys Anthony Piatek serving as chairman, Lindsey Farris, Joshua Lamancusa, Ryan Long, Jean Krkuc Perkins and Deborah Shaw.

This year the bar association awarded three scholarships based on the submitted essays. Two essay writers won \$2,000 scholarships. Nikol Damato, of Lincoln High School, will be attending Slippery Rock University in the fall and plans to study public health/physician assistant program. Anna Shea Heasley, of Wilmington High School, will also be attending Slippery Rock University in the fall and plans to study biology with a minor in marine science. Based on the high quality of submitted essays, the Bar Association chose to award a third scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to



Lawrence County Law Day

Patrick Scott Pawlak of Lincoln High School. Patrick will be attending Geneva College in the fall and plans to study electrical engineering.

Both Anna and Patrick presented their winning essays at the Annual Law Day Program with their families in attendance. Nikol was unable to attend the program. Following their presentations, Judge Motto recognized the winners for their many accomplishments in school activities and on their winning essays. A lunch reception followed the program.

Lycoming County

Law Day 2016

District Judge Christian D. Frey was the chairperson of the Law Day Committee. All public school, private school and home-schooled children in Lycoming County were invited to participate and compete for cash prizes in art and essay questions for this year's theme "Miranda -



Lycoming County Law Day

More than Words" on the 50th anniversary of the well-known U.S. Supreme Court case *Miranda vs. Arizona*.

Wills for Heroes

On Saturday, May 7, 18 Lycoming County attorneys donated their time to provide free legal services to multiple families of military veterans and first responders. This was the second time since October 2015 that the Lycoming Law



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Lycoming Law Association Wills for Heroes event at Old Lycoming Township Volunteer Fire Company

Association and its members coordinated a Wills for Heroes program. During the October program, the local attorneys witnessed such an enormous need that they decided to once again donate their time and services. In addition to the attorney volunteers, there were nine volunteer notaries who also helped to provide free basic estate planning documents to 36 clients at the day-long event. This event took place at the Old Lycoming Township Volunteer Fire Company's social hall.

The attorney volunteers, members of the Lycoming Law Association, included: Jennifer Ayres, Patty Bowman, Yvonne Campbell, Robert Cronin, Jonathan Dewald, Denise Dieter, Christian Frey, Beau Hoffman, Nicole Ippolito, Chris Kenyon, Jim Malee, Corey Mowrey, John Pietrovito, Kurt Schmitt, Martin Wade, Tammy Weber, Jeff Yates, and Kristine Waltz, the Lycoming County coordinator for Wills for Heroes. This event was as successful as the October event, with all time slots being filled early in the registration process. Another Wills for Heroes event is being planned for the fall of 2016. The Lycoming Law Association



Lycoming County Court Administrator's Office Meet & Greet

is delighted and thankful to be able to aid our "heroes" in this way.

Court Administrator Adrienne Stahl & Staff Reach Out to Bar at "Meet & Greet"

Every member of the Lycoming County Bar who appears in court has some interaction with the court administrator's staff. Often, it's the voice on the other

end of the telephone or the signature at the bottom of a terse court notice.

Newly appointed Court Administrator Adrienne Stahl and her staff decided to have a "Meet & Greet" event at the LLA office, with snacks and drinks on March 2. Many members of the bar attended during the two-hour session. The outreach by the Court Administrator's office was a much-appreciated effort to foster amiable relations among the members of the staff and the bar.

Along with Adrienne, new Director of Court Services, Jenn McConnell, Deputy Court Administrator, Eileen Dgien, scheduling technician, April McDonald and staff members Keely Hitchens and Kate Ferguson all attended the event. They offered friendly conversation, useful information and practical advice to those who attended. They were also interested in hearing suggestions to improve the court services.

Luzerne County

PBA Treasurer, PBA Past President, and Justice Donohue Were Honored Guests at the 2016 W-BLLA Law Day Dinner

PBA Treasurer David E. Schwager, Esq. and PBA Past President Francis X. O'Connor, Esq. were honored guests at this year's Wilkes-Barre Law & Library



Seated: Lee Ann Palubinsky, Esq.; Barry H. Dyller, Esq.; Dr. Steven R. Kafrissen; Jane M. Acri, Esq. (W-BLLA V. Pres.); Justice Donohue; Hon. Joseph J. Van Jura (W-BLLA Pres.); Frank O'Connor, Esq.; Elaine Cook, Esq. (W-BLLA Immediate Past Pres.); Girard J. Mecadon, Esq.; and Justin P. Richards, Esq. Standing: Lori Nocito, Ana Mojtahedi, Esq. (W-BLLA YLD V. Pres.); Dyan E. Dinstel, Esq. (W-BLLA YLD Secretary); David E. Schwager, Esq.; Debra Ann Bolus, Esq.; Melissa A. Scartelli, Esq.; Diana M. Collins (W-BLLA YLD Pres.), and Joseph P.J. Burke III (W-BLLA Secretary/Treasurer).



Association's Law Day Dinner held at the Westmoreland Club in Wilkes-Barre on May 6. The Honorable Christine Donohue of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, who served as the principal speaker for the association's Law Day Shabbat, was also an honored guest at the dinner. The dinner was planned by the Annual Law Day Dinner Committee and approved by the W-BLLA's executive committee. Members of both committees had their photo taken with the W-BLLA officers, W-BLLA YLD Officers, and with Justice Donohue, David and Frank.

Monroe County

Monroe County Attorney Seizes Pennsylvania Bar Association Pro-Bono Applause

The Pennsylvania Bar Association named attorney David Martino 2015's PBA Monroe County Pro-Bono Volunteer of the Year with a March 11 award presentation during Monroe County Bar Association's quarterly meeting at Stroudsmoor Country Inn. Surrounded by fellow MCBA members, the Brod-

heads ville professional graciously accepted accolades from MCBA Pro-Bono Chair Mark Primrose with a smile and handshake.

A man of few words, Martino's fluent generosity was evident through the past three years providing free services to eight cases for Stroudsburg-based civil legal aid organization, North Penn Legal Services. Compiling over 25 hours assisting low-income Monroe County residents in need, his dedication toward community service was admired.

Calling Martino, "A very kind and compassionate attorney," NPLS Stroudsburg manager Jim Butz noted his performance adding, "He [Martino] does an exceptional job on a very consistent basis."

MCBA Pro-Bono Chair Mark Primrose commented, "The word 'no' is not in his [Martino's] vocabulary."

As the PBA Monroe County Pro-Bono Committee continues to honor members who consistently give back to their communities by supporting the local legal aid agencies, Primrose closed with thanks

to Martino for, "Setting an example for us all" with the local agency looking toward fostering ongoing connections between Monroe County attorneys and residents.

A Weekend Dedicated to Celebrating Law Day

The Monroe County Bar Association (MCBA) held its annual Law Day celebrations with a weekend full of activities for the members of the association as well as the community.

To start the celebration, the MCBA awarded William Parrish, chief of police at East Stroudsburg University, the Liberty Bell Award on April 29. Each year, the MCBA recognizes a member of the

community who promotes a better understanding and encourages greater respect for the law. With 33 years of experience and working with the community, Chief Parrish does just that.

With the theme of "Miranda: More than Words," local high school students were encouraged to submit creativity projects. Receiving more than 80 entries, the selection committee worked hard to pick the top three high school student winners. Each received a cash award, as well as a certificate of achievement.

Immediately following the Liberty Bell Award, the MCBA held the 23rd Fantasy Trials. Local attorneys, as well as President Judge Margherita Patti-Worthington, Judge Stephen Higgins and Judge Jonathan Mark, captivated the attention of fifth and sixth graders from the surrounding school districts. With a Star Wars theme, this year's case was the *Commonwealth versus Han Solo*. Han Solo was charged with theft of the Millennium Falcon from the Death Star and tampering with evidence. As the trial progressed, the students learned the importance of a trial and legal terminology. With much deliberation, the verdict was finally in – Hon Solo was proven innocent.

As the MCBA continued to celebrate Law Day, the Young Lawyers Division (YLD) held a Wills for Heroes program on Saturday, April 30, at the Monroe County Control Center. The YLD and other members of the bar association created the essential legal documents for 38 participants.

The celebration ended with the MCBA's 34th annual Law Day Race, on Sunday, May 1. This year was a special year for the MCBA, as the race was dedicated to its founder, Attorney Edwin Krawitz, who passed away in 2015. In memory of Attorney Krawitz, all proceeds have been donated to the Burnley Workshop, of which he was a founding member. The male overall winner of the five-mile race was Matthew Martino, son



Brodheads ville attorney David Martino was named Monroe County Bar Association Pro-Bono Volunteer of the Year.



Monroe County Bar Association Pro-Bono Chair describes the 2015 Pennsylvania Bar Association Pro-Bono Volunteer of the Year David Martino during a March 11 Award Presentation.



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of Attorney David Martino, with a time 27:15. Following behind Matthew was YLD Vice President David Marra, with a time of 32:39. Our overall female winner was Lara Arndt, with a time of 35:54.

Montgomery County

Montgomery Bar Association (MBA) recently launched a new Access to Justice program to help facilitate effective partnerships between area non-profits in need of assistance and pro bono attorneys who are willing and able to help. A dedicated MBA staff member has been meeting with area nonprofits to assess their needs, as well as the needs of those individuals and communities they exist to support. MBA members are being asked to complete surveys for the purpose of assessing, documenting and recognizing their existing pro bono efforts and determining their interest and availability for future pro bono work as community needs are determined. Based on the information collected in these surveys, a pool of dedicated, qualified volunteers is being assembled. Systems are being developed to connect volunteers with projects and agencies in need. Once these systems are in place, the bar association hopes to work smarter, rather than harder, to have a significant impact on the communities we serve.

The new program will focus on developing new and innovative approaches to address access to justice issues, such as conducting clinics, answering questions over the phone, mentoring new volunteers, and working with non-attorney personnel, in addition to the more traditional work of taking on pro bono cases. Training and CLE credits will be

offered. Regardless of practice area or level of experience, there are opportunities for members, firms and their support staff to make a difference. The philosophy and message to members is simple: If everyone does a little, our impact will be great, and no one group or individual will be over-burdened in the process. In addition to meeting the access-to-justice gap head on, this new program also dovetails with the bar association's ongoing efforts to foster greater community connections and promote an identity of greater approachability, thus continuing to serve the needs of our members as they work to build their businesses. By doing what we

have always done best – building relationships and serving the public – MBA members will continue to thrive in the face of daunting changes to our profession.

Harry Chung, Esq. was presented with the Montgomery Bar Association's Pro Bono Volunteer Award in recognition of his outstanding service and commitment to pro bono legal service. Chung was nominated by Michael Kelley, Esq., LASP

Montgomery County staff attorney and pro bono coordinator, and chair of the Montgomery Bar Association Legal Aid/Pro Bono Service Committee.

"Pro bono volunteers broaden Legal Aid's capacity to provide access to the courts and to justice," Kelley said. "Harry Chung exemplifies this spirit of public service, and his work has been invaluable."

Chung has helped Korean-speaking clients in diverse cases ranging from bankruptcy and powers of attorney to custody. His work with low-income members of Montgomery County's Korean-speaking

community has an instrumental impact on overcoming the language barrier between LASP's staff attorneys or other volunteers, and the community the organization serves.

Schuylkill County

Past Presidents "Hung" by Bar Association

For more than 35 years, the Schuylkill County Bar Association has conducted a "hanging" in honor of its past presidents. The bar association honors past presidents every four years. On April 29, SCBA kept its long-held tradition. The portraits of Past President Sudhir R. Patel and Immediate Past President Anthony James Urban were unveiled and hung on the "Chancellors' wall" at a formal ceremony attended by family, the judiciary, colleagues and association members. The Chancellors' wall is located in the Lawyers' Room atrium on the fourth floor of the Schuylkill County Courthouse. Portraits on the wall date back to 1913.



Harry Chung, Esq. (left) and Michael Kelley, Esq. after the Pro Bono Volunteer Award ceremony.



Sudhir R. Patel, Esq.
Past President – 2012 & 2013



Anthony James Urban, Esq.
Immediate Past President – 2014 & 2015



York County

Combatting Corruption

U.S. Army Col. Craig Trebilcock, a judge in York County, is working with NATO to help restructure Afghanistan's law enforcement system. Trebilcock reports he is "staying busy" working with the Afghan Major Crimes Task Force to counter corruption within the government. He is also assisting the Afghans in establishing a specialty court focused on high-level corruption and is ensuring that gross violations of human rights by the Afghan army or the police are properly investigated and prosecuted. The Bench and Bar of York County look forward to his safe return prior to the end of the year.



Photo, above: York County Clerk of Courts Don O'Shell and Col. Craig Trebilcock at camp in Kabul.

Photo, right: Col. Craig Trebilcock heading out on a foot patrol through the neighborhood.



Supporting Children

As a community service, on April 1, the YCBA Family Law Section, in partnership with the York County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), sponsored a free screening of the moving documentary films "Removed" (parts 1 and 2) at York College of Pennsylvania. "Removed" follows the emotional journey of a nine-year old girl who is taken from her abusive birth home and placed in the tumultuous foster care system. More than 200 attended the screening, which was free to the public and followed by a panel discussion on child abuse/neglect and the foster care system.

Through July 31, the YCBA Women in Law Committee is sponsoring a collection of roller bags/suitcases/duffel bags/back packs for children being placed in foster care as a part of the "No More Trash Bags" campaign in partnership with York County Children and Youth, in collaboration with the South-Central Youth Advisory Board. The goal is to make sure that every child that is placed in foster care in York County has a suitcase for his/her personal belongings to eliminate the stigma and humiliation that children sometimes face when entering the foster care system and having nothing available to them in which to transport their personal belongings.

Law Day Celebration

The York County Bar's annual Law Day celebration and award luncheon was held at the Yorktowne Hotel on May 2. Highlights of the event included guest speaker, retired Special Agent Patrick J. Kelly with the FBI, the presentation of the Liberty Bell Award, announcement of the winners of the essay and bumper sticker contest, and presentation of awards to the Mock Trial first and second place teams, Spring Grove Area High School and York Catholic High School.

The luncheon and programs were organized by a committee of the York County

Bar Foundation, co-chaired by Attorneys Jennifer A. Galloway and Devon M. Myers.

Cheril L. Chronister was presented with the Liberty Bell Award at the 2016 Law Day celebration. As stated by Jan Herrold, "This year's recipient, Cheril Chronister, is an ordinary citizen...an ordinary citizen who has played an extraordinary role in protecting the interests of some of York County's most vulnerable children."

For 30 years, Chronister has been a volunteer CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for children who have been placed into the court's dependency system after being removed from their home due to alleged abuse or neglect. She performs her work under the authority of a judge's court order to make certain that the child is safe in her temporary placement. She makes sure that the child receives all the support and services needed. She also makes sure that all the pieces of the dependency system work together to return the child safely to her home or to place the child in an alternative safe and permanent home as quickly as possible.

CASA was established 30 years ago under the guidance and efforts of former York County Judge Emanuel Cassimatis. Chronister was a member of the CASA program's very first training class. She was the first York County CASA volunteer to be assigned to a case, and she has been



Jan Herrold, Cheril L. Chronister, Judge Maria Musti Cook



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active in CASA ever since.

The annual Law Day essay contest for York County High School students encourages young people to give thought to current social and legal issues and to express their views on the issues. Essay topics included:

1. Should a student who is questioned about a disciplinary matter be given Miranda type warnings by school personnel?
2. Between 2004 over 2000 people on federal terror watch lists were able to buy guns from dealers. The Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2015 and earlier “no-fly” legislation have been proposed but not enacted by Congress. Is it time to restrict the second amendment rights of those on terrorist watch lists? Please explain your reasoning.
3. How do we balance our legitimate desire to protect US citizens from acts of terrorism with our Constitutional mandate not to discriminate based on national origin, race, or religion?
4. How can PA avoid future budget stalemates and the resulting hardships to schools, local governments, and nonprofits?
5. What restrictions, if any, should be placed on the use of predator drones by the US military and intelligence services in noncombat zones?

The first place essay winner is Andrew S. White, a senior at West York Area High School. His essay, “The Common Paine: A Sense of History” was written on topic 3. Sarah Crawford’s essay, “Terrorism Knows No Race Or Religion” came in second place. She is a senior at Central York High School. Aidan Mikula, a junior at West York Area High School placed third with his essay, “Battling Hatred With Reform.”

York County students in 5th through 8th grade had an opportunity to design a bumper sticker that encompassed this year’s Law Day theme, “Miranda: More



3rd Place - Aidan Mikula, West York Area High School, Grade 11; 2nd Place - Sarah Crawford, Central York High School, Grade 12; 1st Place - Andrew S. White, West York Area High School, Grade 12.

than Words.” The winning design by Audrey Peri, an 8th grade student at Dal-lastown Area Middle School, was printed as a bumper sticker and distributed at the Law Day ceremony.



Audrey Peri’s winning bumper sticker.

Presidents Breakfast

Current and past presidents of the York County Bar Association and its charitable arm, the Bar Foundation, gathered for the organization’s annual Presidents Breakfast on May 24. Approximately 28 attendees received an update on the current state of the organization, and the balance it is striking between honoring the past and growing into the future. Additionally, bar leadership sought to benefit from past experience and gather information about what is working well in the bar and where there is room for improvement. The YCBA/BF believes this ongoing dialogue will help it forge a future that builds on its strengths, while honoring the significant contributions of prior leaders.

Expungement Clinic

Nearly 80 residents came to the first expungement clinic in York organized by Rep. Kevin Schreiber and Mayor C. Kim Bracey. Partners included the Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity, MidPenn Legal Services, Career Link and 16 attorney and legal professional volunteers. Preliminary results indicate 56 cases were opened; two out-of-county, eight were not income-eligible but referred to an attorney, 17 not qualified due to record; one direct



Presidents Breakfast: Photo (standing, l to r) Bill Gierasch, Elliot Katherman, Gary Gilbert, Larry Young, John Uhler, President Judge Joe Adams, Tom Kearney, Tom O’Shea, Judge Maria Musti Cook, Walt Tilley, Charlie Rausch, Steve Feldmann, Bob Katherman, Andy Miller, Ross McGinnis, Leo Gribbin, Jan Wiley; (seated, l to r) Suzanne Smith, Barb Stump, Paul Minnich, Bernard Ilkhanoff, Carolyn Steinhauser and Barbara Sardella



referral; 1 modest means; 12 pro bono; and 15 are as yet undetermined (facts being gathered). Additional expungement clinics will be held in different geographic locations throughout the county.

Light of Liberty Award Recipients

The YCBA / YCBF jointly received the Light of Liberty award for its continuing commitment to justice from the Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center at a special reception on June 8. YCBA Attorney Charles Rausch and spouse, Toni, were also recognized for their individual contributions to access to justice.

The York County Bar Association and its charitable arm, the York County Bar Foundation (YCBA/YCBF), aspire to build the organizations' capacity for leadership and service to improve the legal profession, the community they serve and the administration of justice in society. The York County Bar is the community's largest private supporter of law-related programs in funding and service. In 2015, it committed \$324,267 for justice initiatives.



Announcing the Patti Rose Scheimer Bednarik Memorial Scholarship

An annual scholarship to a law school student or lawyer in practice for less than three years who demonstrates an outstanding commitment to animal law/animal welfare

The Patti Rose Scheimer Bednarik Memorial Scholarship awards an annual scholarship to a law school student or lawyer in practice for less than three years who demonstrates an outstanding commitment to animal law/animal welfare. The maximum annual award is \$5,400.

To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled in an accredited law school in the US or licensed Pennsylvania lawyers admitted to practice less than three (3) years.

Applicants must perform volunteer service to an animal welfare organization before, during and/or after law school; or engage in scholarship in the field of animal law and animal welfare, including reading, research, writing and clinical work; or perform pro bono legal work in the field of animal welfare. Applications are due no later than July 1, 2016.

The scholarship/grant will be awarded by Aug. 23, 2016.

More information about the program may be found at: http://www.pabarfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/PRSB_Memorial_Scholarship_Fund.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact Marie Queen at marie.queen@pabar.org.



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| A Day on Real Estate-East | Aug. 3 |
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| Business Insurance | Aug. 30 |

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| Workplace Investigations | Aug. 23 |
| US Supreme Court Roundup | Aug. 24 |
| New PA Orphans' Court Rules | Aug. 25 |
| Adv. Storytelling and Presentation | Aug. 26 |
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| Business Insurance | Aug. 30 |

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| Health Research Forum | Aug. 15 |
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| Heroin Hits Home | Aug. 29 |

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| Contract Drafting Landmines | July 14 |
| Anatomy for Lawyers | July 25 |
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| Common Estate Planning Blunders | July 26 |
| Dynamic Presentation Skills | July 28 |
| Insurance/Indemnity/Business Lit. | July 29 |
| Heroin Hits Home | Aug. 29 |
| Business Insurance | Aug. 30 |
| Federal Appellate Advocacy | Aug. 8 |
| CLE Fun & Fantasy with Sean Carter | Aug. 9 |
| Medical Malpractice Update | Aug. 10 |
| Premises Liability Litigation | Aug. 11 |
| Health Research Forum | Aug. 15 |
| Life and Estate Planning | Aug. 16 |
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| Workplace Investigations | Aug. 23 |
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| Selected Issues in Art Law | Aug. 19 |
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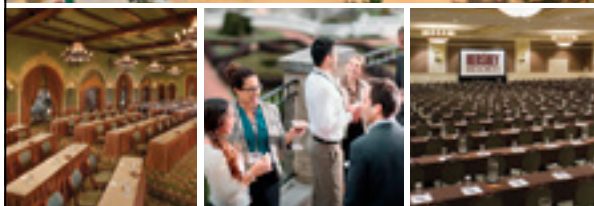


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