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49th Annual Conference of County Bar Leaders

“Leading Through Change”

Register for the 2015 CCBL Conference

By John R. Howland, CCBL President

“Leading Through Change” is the theme of the 2015 Conference of County Bar Leaders to be held Feb. 26 – 28, 2015 in Lancaster. Diamond6 Leadership and Strategy Founder and CEO Dr. Jeff McCausland will kick off Friday’s schedule of events with his unique perspective on “leading in four directions.” We are excited to welcome back Dr. Terry Madonna for another informative keynote presentation at lunch. The CCBL executive committee has developed timely and relevant CLE programming. Most importantly, there will be plenty of fun and useful networking opportunities. Whether you are a current county bar president, other officer, board member, young lawyer chair, section chair, executive director or hope to be a future leader, you will not want to miss this CCBL!

On Thursday evening, you may wish to arrive early to attend the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) Inc. reception, which will be held at the Lancaster Bar Association prior to the start of CCBL. The PLAN reception is a great way to connect with other bar leaders who support PLAN’s mission and work. Then, gather with friends, new and old, back at the Lancaster Marriott for a welcome social. Check out the schedule of events inside to see the CLE program options. And don’t forget to wear your resort attire to Friday night’s beach party! On Saturday morning, you will be able to network over a hot breakfast, as well as earn two additional CLE credits before heading home. Change is inevitable in both your county bar associations and your daily law practice. The 2015 CCBL is here to help you through it!

Your registration fee includes all meals and Friday night’s entertainment, as well as up to 7 CLE credits. County bar presidents and executive directors — don’t forget that PBA unit counties are entitled to three \$50 discounts on registration.

Make your reservations today! The registration deadline is Feb. 7, 2014. Be sure to book your room at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square before Jan. 24, 2014 in order to get our group rate. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Nicole Antos at the PBA at 800.932.0311, extension 2218.

I look forward to seeing you in Lancaster!



February 26-28, 2015
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

CLE Credits

The Pennsylvania Bar Institute is approved by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Continuing Legal Education Board as an accredited CLE provider. The PBA 2015 Conference of County Bar Leaders has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for up to 7.0 hours of CLE credits.

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Register online [HERE](#).
Get the [CCBL brochure and registration form](#).

2015 CCBL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

PLAN Reception at Lancaster Bar Association

8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Early Bird Registration

9:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Welcome Social

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Registration

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PBA Supermarket and Vendor Fair

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:15 – 8:20 a.m.

CCBL Introduction

8:20 – 9:50 a.m.

Leading in Four Directions

CLE credit: 1.5 substantive

Whether in a law practice or bar association setting, all leaders “lead in four directions.” They lead their boss, peers, subordinates/ employees and themselves! In this seminar, participants will take a critical look at these dimensions and discover various ways to be successful in all four directions. They will gain a deeper understanding of all their leadership roles and how to lead more confidently in all four directions and in the end be a valuable asset to their organization or law firm.

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Your Year(s) in Bar Leadership

CLE credit: 1.5 substantive

As you anticipate your year(s) in leadership in your local bar, you may have some anxiety over what can happen and how to prepare. Gain insight on matters such as: time management in your law practice with the additional obligations to the bar; board member responsibilities and how a good working relationship between board and staff leads to effective results; and how to respond to unexpected changes and challenges.

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Avoiding Legal Malpractice

CLE credit: 1.5 ethics

The Professional Liability Committee’s “Permanently Banned from Prime Time Players” present “Awkward Situations,” a series of short ‘one-acts’ featuring several of the burning issues of our times, including but not limited to: What is dabbling, and should I try it? Can one lawyer write wills for a married couple? Should the terms of a settlement agreement be reduced to writing? In personal injury cases, do I have to worry about subrogation claims? If I represent a

corporation, can I also do legal work for its individual owners and officers? What is a DB-7 and should I try to get one? Can I use an iPhone and social media as part of my practice? Will my malpractice policy provide any coverage for disciplinary proceedings? Conference members who attend this session will receive a discount on their PBA-endorsed malpractice insurance.

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

YLD Business Meeting

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon and awards presentation, featuring keynote speaker Terry Madonna

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Break and county bar recognition award photos

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Diversity and Inclusion: Inclusive Lawyering for Your Bar Association

CLE credit: 1.0 ethics

Learn how to overcome the traditional obstacles that prevent the promotion of diversity and inclusion in many bar associations. Learn the changing demographics and how they will affect the practice of law in the future and the characteristics of the 21st century lawyer/leader. Gain insights into the development of a healthier and inclusive bar association.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

UPL: Leading Your Members to Identify and Prosecute UPL

CLE credit: 1.0 substantive

Could you identify the unauthorized practice of law if it was happening in your office? Learn how to help your members spot the unauthorized practice of law in your community, provide educational opportunities to prevent it, and how to prosecute it civilly and criminally.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Wills for Heroes: Protecting Those Who Protect Us

CLE credit: 1.0 ethics

Did you know that you can fulfill your pro bono requirement while serving your own local heroes? Learn about the past, present, and future of the Wills for Heroes program in counties across Pennsylvania. Explore the exciting new changes to the program, including the recent expansion to serve veterans.

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

“Bring it on!”

CLE credit: 1.0 substantive

Following a motivating presentation of county bar successes, seasoned bar executive directors will moderate small group open discussions on county bar initiatives and/or responses to challenges. The workshop will include an open forum idea-sharing session and promises to provide creative ideas to help make your years in bar leadership successful.

Some of the ideas we promise to address include: county bar association pro se litigant programs; ethical considerations for special service programs, i.e. Wills for Heroes; and developing Lawyer Referral programs. Be ready to hear great new ideas, challenges, and most importantly...solutions! Bring your officers AND your ideas!

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Cold Beer and Casemaker

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner

8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Beach party and game night

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Hot Breakfast Buffet

8:30 – 8:40 a.m.

CCBL Business Meeting

8:50 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

County Bar Associations and Legal Aid Programs: Working Together to Promote Access to Justice

CLE credit: 1.0 ethics

This session will focus on the ethical duty of pro bono service, with an emphasis on practicality. The panel will present examples of effective partnerships between legal services and the bar that can be replicated or adapted elsewhere. The interactive discussion will address ways to improve the common goals and interplay between county bar associations and legal aid programs to promote access to justice.

8:50 – 9:50 a.m.

LCL: Hope and Help for the Impaired Colleague

CLE credit: 1.0 ethics

What do you do when a colleague is impaired? How do you and your bar association react when a colleague’s practice becomes impaired by an addiction or mental health disorder? This program will explore and explain the statistics which affect our practice and provide information on the many support services offered by Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers and the PBA Lawyers Assistance Committee. The program will include a personal story of recovery and how with the help of LCL and the LAC one may return to the practice of law.

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

I’m Just a Bill on Capitol Hill: The Real Deal on the Legislative Process

CLE credit: 1.0 substantive

Learn about the legislative process, including how the PBA develops policy positions; the legislative process as explained in civics books; the real legislative process (a case study); the PBA’s legislative agenda, past and future; and the influence of political action committees.

Have a Project? Need \$\$?

A Birdsall County Bar Impact Grant Might be the Answer!

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

Application materials are available on the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's website at www.pabarfoundation.org. If your county bar association is interested in applying for grants funds, please submit the application by April 1, 2015.

A five-person grant evaluation committee comprised of Foundation members appointed by the Foundation president and the Conference of County Bar Leaders Executive Committee will evaluate submissions and select a recipient(s) to share in a grant(s) totaling not more than \$1,000. The successful applicant(s) will be notified in writing on or before May 1, 2015, and the grants will be awarded during the Annual Meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors and Members on May 7, 2015 in Philadelphia in conjunction with the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

The program is open to all bar associations, with consideration given to those with limited means.

If you have any questions, please contact Pennsylvania Bar Foundation Executive Director E. Marie Queen at 888-238-3036 or info@pabarfoundation.org

County Bar Recognition Award Entries Due Jan. 23

The 2015 Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) will feature presentation of the annual PBA County Bar Recognition Awards, which recognize outstanding projects and activities conducted by county bar associations during the previous calendar year. These awards are designed to recognize projects of each county bar association that in some way contributed to the improvement of the legal profession, the justice system or the community. The project must have been undertaken during 2014, although it may have begun previously or is to be continued in 2015 and beyond. There is no requirement that it be entirely contained within the calendar year. A bar association may submit more than one project for consideration, but no more than three.

Please complete the entry form located [here](#): by Jan. 23, 2015. Along with the entry form, please feel free to submit any support material that you believe is relevant to the project, including brochures, programs or other printed matter. Supporting materials may be directed to PBA County Bar Services Director Nicole R. Antos at 100 South Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

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

Bar Leadership Institute Survey Measures Civility, Professionalism

The PBA Bar Leadership Institute (BLI) class of 2014-15 asks PBA members to complete a brief survey to measure civility and professionalism among lawyers and judges. The BLI class will use the survey findings to develop a CLE program and write articles to appear in PBA publications. Deadline to complete the survey: Jan. 16. Take the [survey](#) (member login required).



2015 PBA Annual Meeting
May 6-8, 2015

Sheraton Philadelphia City Center
PHILADELPHIA



www.pabar.org

CCBL Seeks Nominations for Birdsall, Flaherty and Nurick Awards

The PBA Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) is seeking nominations for the Arthur J. Birdsall, Chief Justice John P. Flaherty and Gilbert Nurick awards. The awards will be presented during the 49th annual meeting of the CCBL, Feb. 26 – 28 in Lancaster.

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

A candidate may be nominated for more than one award. Those making nominations are reminded to review the award descriptions carefully to determine whether their candidate(s) meet the criteria. Nominations for the awards are due Jan. 23, 2015.

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



Michele Frey

Michele Frey is New Executive Director at Lycoming Law Association

Michele Frey is the new executive director at Lycoming Law Association. Originally from Westchester County, New York, Michele Frey obtained her bachelor's degree from Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island. She completed one year of study at Roger Williams University School of Law, where she met her future husband, local attorney Christian Frey. Upon moving to Williamsport in 2004, Frey worked as a paralegal at Lepley, Engelman & Yaw. She served as either an officer or director of the Lycoming County Paralegal Association for ten years, and will now enjoy participating from a non-leadership role. She is active with other community and political organizations and enjoys spending time with her German Shepherd, George.

Frey finds the attorneys in Lycoming County to be a great group of professionals. Getting to know them better has been the most enjoyable aspect of her new job so far.

Photo, left: Zone 8 Presidents' Dinner

Local bar leaders in Zone 8 joined PBA President Frank O'Connor at a Presidents' Dinner at Defibaugh's Table at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort on Oct. 6, 2014. Pictured left to right: Bill Higgins, PBA zone 8 governor; Stanley Kerlin, Fulton County Bar Association President; Brandi Hershey, Bedford County Bar Association President; Mark Persun, Somerset County Bar Association President; Frank O'Connor, PBA President; Trent Hargrove, PBA Diversity Officer; Fran O'Rourke, PBA Deputy Executive Director; Mary Lou Maierhofer, Blair County Bar Association President-elect; Bob Cagna, USI Affinity.



Luzerne County Bar Association Trip to Cuba

By Elaine Cook, Luzerne County Bar Association President

The Luzerne County Bar Association has a newly formed travel CLE committee and our inaugural trip was to Cuba.

The goal of our travel CLE committee is to learn, educate and grow while experiencing other places, continuing legal education, cultural exchange and camaraderie. Traveling to interesting places with other members of the bar has proved to be very popular with bar members.

This was the committee's first trip, and what better place than Cuba. With a valid governmental license for cultural exchange, our members were able to legally travel to this country where so few Americans have been due to the embargo between our two countries. We started off Oct. 9, 2014, meeting first in Miami. We were briefed and completed numerous forms for the visa, mandatory health insurance and other trip requirements. The next day we boarded a charter flight from Miami to Cienfuegos, Cuba.



Once in Cienfuegos, we traveled around Cuba, through Trinidad and eventually ending up in Havana, where we spent that last few nights. The educational and cultural experiences were unlike any others. And I can speak from experience, as I have set foot on all seven continents and have traveled to more than 50 countries. Cuba was complex and even a bit mysterious, yet quite enriching. The people were warm and inviting in spite of having so little.

Our members visited the Bay of Pigs, walked along the ancient cobblestone streets of Trinidad, viewed the Che Guevara museum, were entertained by numerous musicians and artists, learned much about Havana; and, yes, even enjoyed Cuban rum and cigars while leaning on the same bar that Ernest Hemingway frequented at the El Floridita. That's just a few of the many things that we experienced on this trip. We left via the Jose Marti International Airport in Havana, back to Miami and then finally arrived back in Pennsylvania late on Oct. 17.

The best thing about the trip was the friendships that were formed by traveling with like-minded people. The Travel CLE Committee will soon be holding its next meeting to plan for a 2015 adventure. Many destination recommendations are being discussed, from Scandinavia to Panama and everywhere in between. The destination of our next adventure remains undetermined for now, but the next



trip should prove to be equally fun and informative.

Once the 2015 destination is determined and planned according to our members' specifications, we will begin reserving spots. Any remaining available spots will be made available to any PBA members, friends and family. Maybe one day we will see you on one of our adventures!

Seeking CCBL Executive Committee Member Applicants

Each year, one member of the executive committee of the Conference of County Bar Leaders fulfills his or her term of office and is replaced by selection. Nominations are sought for candidates whose qualifications must include being a president or past president of a county bar association. The new executive committee member will serve up to an eight-year term on the committee. Letters of nomination or applications requesting consideration for selection, along with a current resume, should be sent by Jan. 23, 2015, via e-mail attachment to nicole.antos@pabar.org or mail to Nicole R. Antos, Director of County Bar Services, Pennsylvania Bar Association, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186.

Pennsylvania Bar Association • Commission on Women in the Profession

2015 WIP SPRING CONFERENCE • March 27, 2015

Save the Date!

Registration: 2:30-3:00
Program: 3:00 p.m.

Pittsburgh

Pennsylvania Bar Institute
Heinz 57 Center, 339 6th Ave.
Pittsburgh

Simulcast in:

Mechanicsburg

Pennsylvania Bar Institute
5080 Ritter Road
Mechanicsburg

Philadelphia

Pennsylvania Bar Institute
The CLE Conference Center
Wanamaker Building (now Macy's)
10th Fl., Ste. 1010
Philadelphia

Scranton

William J. Nealon Federal Building
& U.S. Courthouse
235 N. Washington Ave.
Jury Assembly Room, 1st Floor
Scranton



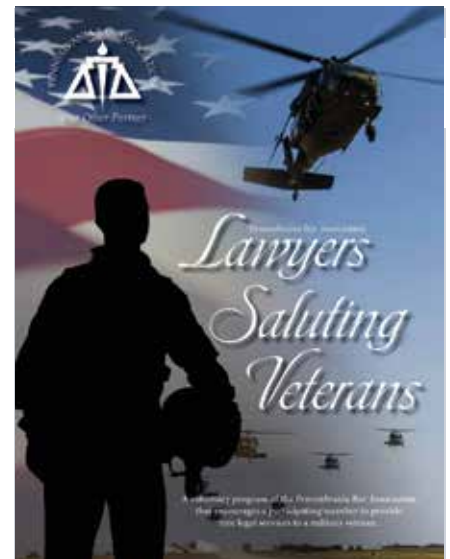
Join other WIP members for a special film viewing:

“Madame President: Why Not the U.S.? Vamos Meninas!”

hosted by Heather Arnet, head of the
Women and Girls Foundation of Western
Pennsylvania

After the film, Heather will lead an interactive
discussion exploring what it takes to achieve gender
equality within a political structure.

A reception will also be held at each location
following the program. Watch for more details
coming soon!



The PBA Wants You for the New “Lawyers Saluting Veterans” Program

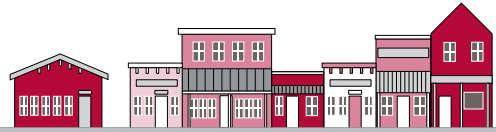
The PBA is recruiting volunteers
for its new “Lawyers Saluting
Veterans” program through which
members handle pro bono cases
in their areas of expertise for
Pennsylvania’s military veterans. We
need volunteers in every county!

Be part of the PBA’s way of saying
“thank you” to those who have put
their lives on the line in defense of
our nation.

Sign up today at: <http://www.pabar.org/public/lsv.asp>

Announcing the 2015 Lawyer Magazine Fiction Contest

See your words and your name in
print when the top three entries in
the 2015 Short Story Fiction Con-
test are featured in the November/
December issue of *The Pennsylvania
Lawyer* magazine. Get [more infor-
mation](#), including entry form.



Allegheny County

ACBA Commemorates Decade of Diversity Awareness

On Dec. 4, the Allegheny County Bar Association celebrated the 10th anniversary of the signing of its Statement of Purpose, Principles and Objectives for the Diversity Initiative. In 2004, the statement was signed by more than 40 local corporations, government agencies, law firms, along with representatives from the ACBA, the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and the Duquesne University School of Law. At the anniversary event, additional organizations signed on.

Beaver County

Beaver County Hosts Fairy Tale Mock Trial

The Beaver County Court of Common Pleas, in conjunction with the Beaver County Bar Association, hosted a Fairy Tale Mock Trial for participants in the WIN (Working with Individuals With Needs) Program of the Beaver County Rehabilitation Center on Sept. 5. Judge James Ross presided over the trial which was based on a mock trial script in which characters from Alice in Wonderland presented evidence and testimony. The event enabled WIN program members to assume roles as attorneys, jurors, plaintiffs, defendants and court staff. Once the case was argued, the jury deliberated and announced its verdict. Afterwards, the Bar Association hosted a reception in the jurors' lounge for attendees from the WIN program and court staff. WIN program director Sheila Silbaugh proposed the mock trial as a means for helping participants understand citizenship and the basis for our legal system. Judge Ross also emphasized the importance of citizens understanding what takes place in the courtroom.

BCBA Supports Vietnam Veterans "Wall That Heals"

The BCBA Charitable Fundraising and Giving Committee purchased an advertisement which was published in the "Wall that Heals" Memorial Booklet. The Vietnam Veterans of America, Beaver County Chapter 862, sponsored The "Wall that Heals," a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C. The replica arrived in Beaver County on Sept. 23. The exhibit was on display in the park behind the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Beaver through Sept. 28.

Celebrate the Constitution Program

The BCBA provided materials and presentations to over 500 Beaver County students from September through December. Nine BCBA members from both the Bench and Bar traveled to local schools to speak about the Constitution. Pocket Constitutions were distributed, and students signed mock Constitution posters. These posters will be displayed at the Beaver County Courthouse upon completion of the program.

BCBA Charitable Fundraising & Giving Committee Annual Holiday Project

The BCBA Charitable Fundraising and Giving Committee made a financial contribution to the Beaver County Center Civic Women's Club Cancer Fund. The mission of the Center Civic Women's Club is to develop the educational, civic and social interest of its members and to advance the welfare of the community. Specifically, the Cancer Fund was established to assist Beaver County women receiving cancer treatment by providing free wigs and prostheses. This contribution was made possible through donations from BCBA members to the Charitable Fundraising and Giving Committee's annual holiday project.

Blair County

Lunch & Learn Events

On Dec. 12, the Blair County YLD hosted a Lunch & Learn event, "Working Effectively with the Johnstown Hearing Office," presented by Judge Marty Pillion from the Johnstown Social Security Hearing Office. Another Lunch & Learn, "Guardianships for the Elderly," will be presented by Melissa Weakland from Blair Senior Services on Jan. 23.

Butler County

BCBA Collects Donations for Local Organizations

The Butler County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, under current President Kelley Harley, collected donations for local organizations for the holidays. Items donated were for the Victim Outreach Intervention Center of Butler (VOICE) and Butler County Children and Youth Services (CYS). Members of the BCBA provided an abundance of diapers, gently used clothing and bath essentials for the CYS Foster Shop. YLD's



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On the Local Scene...

drive also fulfilled Christmas wish lists for two families at VOICE. Additionally, a variety of gift cards were contributed to VOICE families. Along with the various item donations, monetary donations were collected at the Association's holiday party and December's quarterly meeting. The money was split evenly between the two organizations.

Chester County

Chester County Bar Foundation's New Country Casino Night

The Chester County Bar Foundation held its annual 8th annual Casino Night — with a little country twist. Guests were encouraged to don their cowboy boots and hats for a good ole'-fashioned hoe down. The night started off with a country-themed buffet as guests started to bid on the many silent auction items. After dinner, Valerie and Bill of Valerie's Dance Studio taught guests the two-step and a few simple line dances. Our new "country" Casino Night was a huge success, raising over \$15,000 for the Chester County Bar Foundation.

Annual Meeting at Historical Courthouse

The Chester County Bar Association's Annual Meeting and Memorial Service was held in our newly-renovated Chester County Historic Courthouse. More than 100 members arrived to see the beautifully restored Courtroom One and to hear the 2015 plans for the Association and Foundation. Donald Kohler, president of the Chester County Bar Foundation, presented several grant checks, including a \$5,000 grant to Rob Lukens of the Chester County Historical Society to help fund the restoration and archiving of Passmore William's 1855 Prison Visitor's Handbook. CCBA also held its 2nd annual "Passing of the Gavel" ceremony where the gavel was passed down the line by 24 of our past presidents to Craig A. Styer, our 2015 president.

Dauphin County

Dauphin County Bar Association Partners with Widener Law

The Dauphin County Bar Association and Widener Law School are pleased to announce a partnership for new grad-

uates beginning in January. Three new graduates who have recently passed the Pennsylvania bar will take up residence in the bar association offices in a new incubator program. Many new grads will start their own practices as a result of the difficult job market and often lack the necessary training to do this successfully. The incubator seeks to bridge this gap between the education and practice world. The goal of the program is to help new grads establish their own law practice with assistance from the bar association and Widener Law. Professor Palmer Lockard and the Widener Clinical staff will help mentor students as they learn to be practitioners while the bar association will provide free office space and access to bar association programming. In addition, the new grads will work with MidPenn Legal Services and provide 100 hours of pro bono service as a part of their experience. John Sheridan, president of the DCBA is strongly supportive of this mission and stated at the fall membership meeting that this effort will help to train new lawyers in our community and act as resource for those thinking of going into solo or small practice.

Erie County

Erie County Law Foundation Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The Erie County Law Foundation (ECLF) celebrated its 25th anniversary with a special luncheon and fundraiser benefitting the Chief Justice Samuel J. Roberts Scholarship Fund on Oct. 13 at Erie's Bayfront Sheraton Hotel. Former law clerks, scholars, friends and family reminisced and honored the life and legacy of Chief Justice Roberts with current Erie County Bar Association members. Formed in 1989, the ECLF promotes education by awarding annual scholarships to law school students from Erie County and through the signature communi-



Passing of the Gavel Ceremony: 24 of Chester County Bar Association past presidents pass the gavel down the line to Craig A. Styer, 2015 president.



Erie County Senior Lawyers 2014 Holiday Luncheon: Sitting, l-r: Rich Cowell, Judge Palmisano, Wally Knox, Judge Anthony, Gary Shapira, Steve Hutzelman. Standing l-r: Al Lubiejewski, Gary Nash, Norm Stark, Angelo Arduini, Chuck Agresti, Ed Wittmann, Frank Kroto, John Enders, Senior Lawyers Division Chair Jim Toohey, Wayne Lovercheck, John Dunn

ty project, Attorney & Kids Together program that supports the educational needs of students living in homeless shelters. The ECLF also grants funds for the maintenance and preservation of the historic Courtroom H in the Erie County Courthouse. ECLF Board of Trustees Chair Christine McClure welcomed the family of Chief Justice Samuel J. Roberts, including daughter Bobbi Pollock, her children Howard Pollock and Jodi Shulimson, and their children. Attendees enjoyed video clips of Chief Justice Robert's 1983 swearing-in ceremony and a special message to the family and former law clerks from attorney James Strazzella of the Temple University Beasley School of Law. Photographs of the Scholarship Luncheon are available in our photo gallery along with further details about the event. As the anniversary celebration year wraps up, the ECLF is pleased to be nearing the goal of raising \$25,000 for the Chief Justice Samuel J. Roberts Scholarship.

Senior Lawyers 2014 Holiday Luncheon

The Seniors Lawyers were treated to a visit to Ed Wittmann's home to enjoy his impressive model train display. The display has been in the works with Ed and his father for over 10 years and runs

throughout the basement. Following the the train adventure, the seniors enjoyed their jovial luncheon at the Erie Yacht Club — a favorite annual event for Division members.

Franklin County

Franklin County Bar Association Admits 13 New Members

The Franklin County Bar Association admitted 13 new members at its admission ceremony on Dec. 5. The new members include Maureen F. Spang, who is self-employed; Lam D. Truong of Franklin County Legal Services; Rosby M. Carr, law clerk to Judge Carol Van Horn; Krystal J. MacIntyre of DiLore-

to, Cosentino and Boliger, P.C.; Jeffrey Hall-Gale, law clerk to Judge Shawn D. Meyers; Michael W. Harmon of Dorsett Law Firm; Nicole M. Huffman of MidPenn Legal Services; Ricky W. Lewis of the Franklin County District Attorney's Office; Tiffany A. Watson of the District Attorney's Office; Nathaniel F. Spang of Walker, Connor and Spang, LLC; Tara M. Franklin of the Franklin County Public Defender's Office; Casey Bogner of the Franklin County Public Defender's Office; and Mallary Willatt of the Law Offices of WIN Victim Services. The ceremony, held in historic Courtroom One of the Franklin County Courthouse, included words of advice to the new admittees from PBA President Frank O'Connor, Franklin County Bar Association President Clint Barkdoll and outgoing Young Lawyers Division Chair Theresa Yaukey.

FCBA Presents Phil Cosentino with 2014 Edmund C. Wingerd Jr. Award

Attorney Phil Cosentino received the Edmund C. Wingerd Jr. Award during the annual admissions ceremony of the Franklin County Bar Association held on Dec. 5.

This award recognizes attorneys in the FCBA who carry on the honorable tradition of private client solicitor. It is given to someone who thoroughly understands and honors the needs of his or her clients and consistently demonstrates profession-



Franklin County Bar Association Admissions Ceremony: Front row: Casey Bogner, Mallary Willatt, Nicole Huffman, Maureen Spang, Tiffany Watson. Back row: Tara Franklin, Nathaniel Spang, Lam Truong, Rosby Carr, Jeffrey Hall-Gale, Michael Harmon, and Ricky Lewis



Franklin County Bar Association Pro Bono Luncheon: (Left to right) Mahesh Rao, Pro Bono Committee Chair; Carrie Bowmaster, managing attorney of MidPenn Legal Services; David Trevaskis, pro bono coordinator of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Kristin Diller Nicklas of Nicklas Law Office; Meghann Karasic, managing attorney of the Law Offices of Women in Need; Gloria Keener, executive director of Franklin County Legal Services; and Forest Myers, immediate past president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association

Phil Cosentino Receives Edmund C. Wingerd Jr. Award: Melanie Cosentino Brunner, Phil Cosentino, Tommy Brunner (baby), Kathy Cosentino, Tony Cosentino, Taia Altiero-Cosentino

al and personal department in addressing and serving those needs.

Cosentino is a partner in the Chambersburg law firm of DiLoreto, Cosentino & Bolinger. He received his juris doctorate degree, cum laude, from The Dickinson School of Law in 1979. He is a past president of the FCBA. He is a founding board member of Franklin County Legal Services and frequently provides pro bono services to area residents in need of free legal assistance. Cosentino has served for many years as the chair of the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Corpus Christi Church, where under his leadership, the organization has helped feed, clothe and shelter countless underprivileged members of the local community. He is also a past president of the Chambersburg Lions Club.

FCBA Celebrates PA Pro Bono week with Luncheon and Award

The Franklin County Bar Association celebrated the services of attorneys who donate their time providing civil legal services to low income individuals and families in Franklin County on Oct. 29. The FCBA Pro Bono luncheon was held at the Main Street Deli & Café in Cham-

bersburg in conjunction with the PBA Pro Bono Week. Clinton Barkdoll, the president of the FCBA, welcomed area attorneys and thanked the attorneys and staff members who work for legal service agencies in Franklin County, along with the various members of the FCBA who provide pro bono services. Mahesh Rao, chair of the Franklin County Bar Association's Pro Bono Committee, shared that pro bono services had been provided for child custody, divorce, child support, landlord/tenant, wills and estates, bankruptcy, protection from abuse, child dependency and business planning.

This year's luncheon honored Kristin Diller Nicklas, of Nicklas Law Offices. Nicklas received the 2014 PBA Pro Bono Award from David Trevaskis, the PBA Pro Bono Coordinator. Trevaskis noted that Nicklas has accepted pro bono cases from all three programs and does additional pro bono work outside of the programs. She accepted a very trying custody case this past year and helped the WIN program during a transition phase. Her willingness to help has resulted in clients obtaining representation when they otherwise would have had to represent themselves. Trevaskis also commended

the splendid coordination between the three agencies in Franklin County that offer pro bono services. Franklin County Legal Services, MidPenn Legal Services and the Law Offices of Women in Need work together to provide much-needed legal assistance.

Lackawanna County

Ambassador of Ukraine is Guest Lecturer

His Excellency Yuriy Sergeyev, Ambassador of Ukraine to the United Nations, was guest lecturer at the 2014 Honorable T. Linus Hoban Memorial Forum presented by the Lackawanna Bar Association and the University of Scranton on Nov. 5.

Established in memory of the Hon. T. Linus Hoban, a prominent jurist, military officer and civic leader, the Hoban Forum seeks to bring to the community speakers who have achieved distinction in the fields of law, government and public affairs. Former speakers include William H. Rehnquist, US Supreme Court Chief Justice; Alexander M. Haig, Jr., former U.S. Secretary of State, White House chief of staff, and Supreme Allied Commander, NATO; and Yitzhak Rabin, prime minister of Israel; to name a few. The lecture is free and open to members of the Lackawanna Bar Association, administrators, faculty, students and staff from the University of Scranton and the general public.



Lebanon County

LCBA Moves to New Office

The Lebanon County Bar Association has moved into a new office with additional space. The new address is 547 South 10th Street, Lebanon PA 17042. The email address and phone and fax numbers remain the same.

Officers Elected at Annual Membership Meeting

The LCBA recently held its annual membership meeting at which officers were elected or renewed for 2015: President Elizabeth Judd, Vice President Scott Grenoble, Treasurer Jessica Weaver, Secretary Ann Kline. LCBA members also donated more than 30 new, unwrapped toys for the Marines' annual Toy for Tots program.

Pro Bono Celebration

Colleen Gallo was presented the William H. G. Warner Pro Bono Attorney of the Year award, named in memory of Lebanon County attorney William H.G. Warner, who died in 2013, and whose commitment to legal services helped to make pro bono legal services what it is today in Lebanon County. This year's celebration included lunch and two CLE credit sessions presented by PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Trevaskis, and also included a presentation by Michael Ritter, public education coordinator and volunteer coordinator for Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County.

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

Luzerne County

The Honorable Thomas F. Burke Jr., president judge of the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas, received the Pennsylvania Bar Association President's

Award at this year's House of Delegates in Harrisburg. President Judge Burke was honored by the Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association for all of the positive work and success he achieved for Luzerne County and its court during his term.

Monroe County

MCBA's Centennial Begins by Looking Back

2015 marks the centennial year of the Monroe County Bar Association. MCBA plans to publish a history of the association as part of the celebration. Working with David Brodsky, a master's candidate in history at East Stroudsburg University, the board embarked on a mission to gather and preserve its history. Plans include a text narrating the history of MCBA, as well as placing that history in the context of national events. Photographs have been culled from many sources and tirelessly identified. MCBA executive board looks forward to sharing the publication with members in 2015.

Montgomery County

Young Lawyers Section Clothing Drive Benefits Dress for Success

Throughout 2014 the MBA's Young Lawyers Section focused its efforts on community service. The year began with an Extreme Home Makeover in January and several service projects followed. During the fall and early winter months, these efforts continued with their Dress for Success Clothing Drive. Dress for Success (DFS) is a non-profit organization that supports women who are transitioning into the workforce by providing career development support, professional attire and accessories. DFS provides individual career counseling and maintains a local women's boutique filled with suits, blouses, shoes, jewelry and other accessories, serving thousands of women each year. Several area law firms served as outposts for the collection throughout the county. Clothing was also collected at the Bar Building and at the MBA's annual Legal Expo — a popular event that draws



Ambassador of Ukraine is Guest Lecturer. (Left to right) From the University of Scranton, Gary Olsen, vice president of Advancement; Donald R. Boomgaarden, Ph.D., senior vice president for Academic Affairs & provost; Julie Schumacher Cohen, director of Community and Government Relations; Rob Farrell, general counsel & co-chair 2014 T. Linus Hoban Memorial Forum Committee; Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., University of Scranton president; His Excellency Yuriy Sergeyev, Ukrainian Ambassador to the United Nations; and from the Lackawanna Bar Association, Malcolm L. MacGregor, president; Lee Ann Munley, executive director; and Frank J. McDonnell, co-chair 2014 T. Linus Hoban Memorial Forum Committee.



On the *Local Scene*...



Thomas F. Burke Jr., president judge of the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas, received the PBA President's Award. (Left to right) PBA Past President & W-BLLA Past President Arthur L. Piccone; President Elaine Cook; P.J. Burke; PBA President Frank O'Connor, and PBA Treasurer David E. Schwager.

chance to win a new Microsoft Surface Pro 3. In addition to having a chance to win, while on the survey site, qualifying attorneys can explore practice-specific benefits of membership, earn valuable practice discounts, complete an online membership application and more. If you know someone who qualifies for MBA Membership or would like to learn more about the MBA's CONNECT campaign, be sure to visit www.montgomerybar.org/connect.

Northampton County

YLD Miracle League Trick or Treat Event

It has been a season of giving and receiving for the Northampton County Bar Association. Our YLD participated in the Miracle League Trick or Treat event. Decorated and dressed as the cast of Monsters, Inc., our members gave out candy and non-candy items to children unable to do the traditional trick or treating. As a result of great design and commitment, NCBA won the "Chairman's Choice Award."

The Spirit of Volunteerism Award

The YLD also won "The Spirit of Volunteerism Award" from the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley for their contribution to the Holiday Hope

several hundred attendees and exhibitors each year. In total, over 600 pounds of clothing and accessories were collected for Dress for Success.

New Member Recruitment Campaign Invites Non-Member Attorneys to CONNECT and Win!

As in most bar associations, one member's reason for belonging to the Montgomery Bar Association can differ greatly from the next. After careful planning and

on the heels last year's leadership telephone drive, the MBA recently launched a homegrown strategic direct-response campaign aimed at learning more about non-member attorneys that live or practice in Montgomery County. Postcards and e-mails were sent to non-member attorneys throughout Montgomery County. For a limited time, attorneys who meet the criteria for membership are invited to complete a brief online survey for a



Montgomery County Young Lawyers Section's clothing drive benefits Dress for Success.



Chest project. Each year for the last seven years, the YLD has collected donations, wrapped boxes and shipped to put together hope chests for children across the Lehigh Valley. During the last few years, the YLD has been the largest donor of hope chests for the project and is again in 2014 with a donation of 510 hope chests.

Charity Quoits Tournament

The NCBA also hosted the First Annual Charity Quoits Tournament, which raised \$3,460 for the Wounded Warriors Project. In addition, for the third year in a row, the membership approved a \$60,000 donation to the North Penn Legal Services to support the employment of a full-time staff attorney.

Donut Day

Our Bench Bar Relations Committee decided to resurrect an old event which was held many years ago – Donut Day. Donuts and coffee were served in the jury lounge of the courthouse prior to the weekly miscellaneous court. It was a great opportunity for our members to have a cup of coffee and a tasty donut with colleagues prior to the start of court.

Washington County

WCBA Awarded ABA Honorable Mention

The Washington County Bar Association has been awarded an “Honorable Mention” 2014 Cindy Raisch Award from the American Bar Association for “superior service in public service Lawyer Referral Information Service programs”

for its Limited Representation Custody Program. The program, modeled after Westmoreland’s, provides low-income clients (within 200% of federal poverty guidelines) who are income-screened/certified by legal aid, with an attorney through the early, critical stages of custody, up to and including the one-hour pre-custody conciliation meeting. If no agreement is reached by the parties at that level, the court enacted a local rule to permit attorneys to withdraw their representation. (The carrot: an attorney provided at no charge to the client; the stick: work toward an agreement or the attorney is permitted to withdraw.) “Low bono” payments of \$175 are provided through the bar foundation to the attorneys to cover costs. The program is currently funded through pro bono opt-out funds.

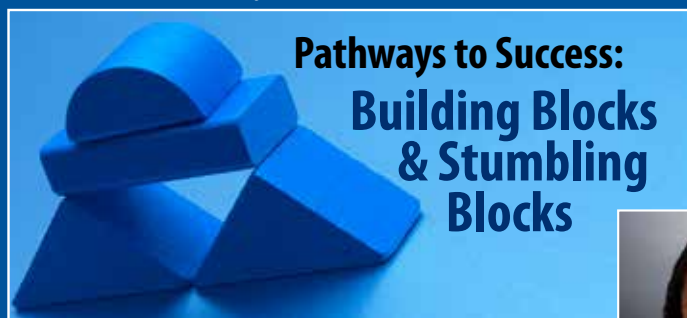
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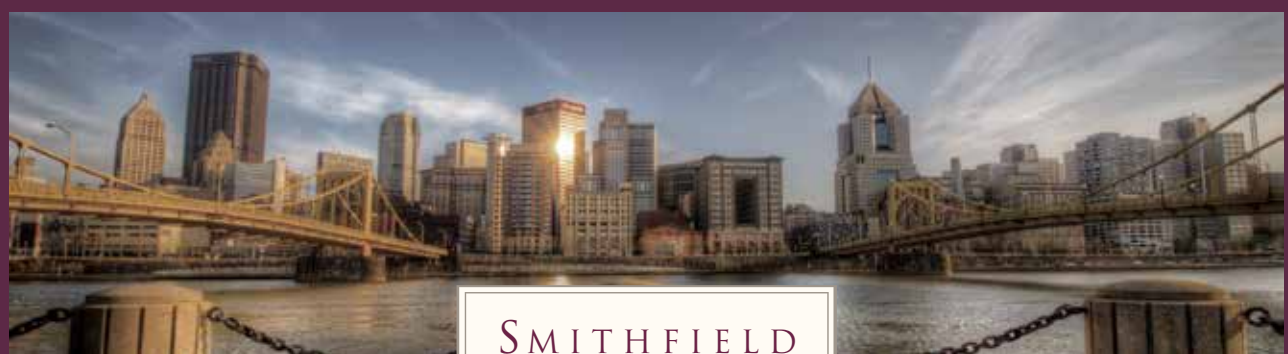
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