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'I Have a Dream ...' 2011 Law Day theme

By Susan E. Etter,
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Special Projects Coordinator

The Pennsylvania Bar Association celebrated Constitution Day on Friday, Sept. 16, in schools across the state by launching the theme for law-related education activities for the 2011-2012 school year, beginning with Constitution Day and running through Law Day in May.

"We are very excited about the 'I Have a Dream ...' theme. It's engaging for students and provides so many opportunities to talk with young people of all ages about things they care about: rights, free expression, diversity, right to peaceably assemble, fairness and social justice," shared Guerline L. Laurore, chair of the PBA Law-Related Education Committee.

Each year, hundreds of lawyers and

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PBA Law-Related Education Committee Chair Guerline L. Laurore (shown above) talked about the U.S. Constitution with fifth-grade students at Ashkar Elementary School in the East Lycoming School District in Lycoming County on Friday, Sept. 16.

Volunteers needed for disaster victim legal assistance

Planning is underway to launch a "Pennsylvania Bar Association Disaster Relief Hotline" that will match lawyer volunteers with victims of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee who are seeking advice about landlord/tenant, real estate, insurance and other flood and storm-related legal issues. Volunteers signing up to help with the hotline will receive names and phone numbers of individuals seeking legal advice and will be required to contact those seeking advice within 48 hours. Volunteers must have malpractice insurance.

"We're hoping to answer basic

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***— PBA President
Matthew J. Creme Jr.***

legal questions regarding the rights of individuals whose lives have been affected by the flooding," said PBA President Matthew J. Creme Jr. "This project is based on the tradition of neighbor helping neighbor. During times like these, people are vulnerable and overwhelmed and just need someone to give them direction and

information."

The clinic is being launched by the PBA Pro Bono Office, PBA Legal Services to the Public Committee and PBA Young Lawyers Division that are working with county bar associations, local legal aid programs, the commonwealth's Office of General Counsel, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Lawyers interested in volunteering to help should complete the <http://www.pabar.org/public/probono/floodreliefvolunteerform.asp>. ■

PBA avoidance of legal malpractice seminars scheduled

Don't forget to register for this fall's malpractice avoidance seminars scheduled by the PBA County Bar Services Department, the PBA Professional Liability Committee and USIAffinity, in cooperation with local bar associations.

Seminar attendees may qualify for a 5 percent discount on their liability insurance (underwritten by Westport) and receive up to 1.5 hours of CLE ethics, professionalism or substance abuse credit. All seminars are presented live and include a CD-ROM of the presentation material.

Unless otherwise noted, register online at www.pabar.org/public/localbar/countybar.asp. If you have questions, contact PBA County Bar Services at 800-932-0311, ext. 2240.

Seminars Requiring Registration By Phone Numbers Listed Below:

SCHUYLKILL

Oct. 26 at 2:45 p.m.
Schuylkill Country Club,
Route 443, Orwigsburg
570-628-1235

YORK

Nov. 15 at 12:15 p.m.
Martin Library,
159 E. Market St., York
717-854-8755, ext. 201

WASHINGTON

Nov. 21 at 4:30 p.m.
Meadows Racetrack & Casino,
200 Racetrack Road,
Meadow Lands
724-225-6710

ERIE

Dec. 1 at 4 p.m.
Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel,
55 W. Bay Drive, Erie
814-459-3111

Seminars Requiring Registration Online:

CRAWFORD

Sept. 27 at 9 a.m.
Days Inn Conference Center,
18360 Conneaut Lake Rodd, Meadville

VENANGO

Sept. 27 at 3 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express,
225 Singh Drive, Cranberry

WARREN

Sept. 28 at 9 a.m.
Holiday Inn,
210 Ludlow St., Warren

McKEAN

Sept. 28 at 3 p.m.
Mutzabaugh & Sauders L.L.P.,
13 Main St., Bradford

POTTER

Sept. 29 at 9 a.m.
Westgate Inn,
307 Route 6 West, Coudersport

CAMERON

Sept. 29 at 3 p.m.
Malizia & Malizia P.C.,
25 E. Fourth St., Emporium

CLINTON

Sept. 30 at 9 a.m.
Best Western,
101 E. Walnut St., Lock Haven

MERCER

Oct. 12 at 9 a.m.
Park Inn by Radisson,
3377 New Castle Road, West Middlesex

CLARION

Oct. 12 at 3 p.m.
Holiday Inn,
45 Holiday Inn Road, Clarion

JEFFERSON

Oct. 13 at 9 a.m.
Pantall Hotel,
135 E. Mahoning St., Punxsutawney

ELK

Oct. 13 at 3 p.m.
Comfort Inn,
195 Comfort Lane, St. Marys

CLEARFIELD

Oct. 14 at 9 a.m.
Days Inn,
14451 Shawville Highway, Clearfield

BLAIR

Oct. 18 at 9 a.m.
Hampton Inn,
180 Charlotte Drive, Altoona

CENTRE

Oct. 18 at 3 p.m.
Ramada Conference Center,
1450 S. Atherton St., State College

HUNTINGDON

Oct. 19 at 9 a.m.
Huntingdon Country Club,
10305 Raystown Road, Huntingdon

MIFFLIN/JUNIATA

Oct. 19 at 3 p.m.
Quality Inn & Suites, Route 322,
13015 Ferguson Valley Road, Burnham

FAYETTE

Oct. 31 at 3 p.m.
Holiday Inn,
700 W. Main St., Uniontown

WESTMORELAND

Nov. 1 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Westmoreland Bar Association,
129 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Greensburg

BEDFORD

Nov. 2 at 9 a.m.
Hampton Inn,
4235 Business 220, Bedford

BEAVER

Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Beaver County Bar Association,
788 Turnpike St., Beaver

LAWRENCE

Nov. 9 at 9 a.m.
Hampton Inn & Suites,
2608 W. State St., New Castle

BUTLER

Nov. 9 at 3 p.m.
Cornerstone Commons,
201 S. Main St., Butler

ARMSTRONG

Nov. 10 at 9 a.m.
Kittanning Country Club,
218 Belltop Drive, Kittanning

INDIANA

Nov. 10 at 3 p.m.
Rustic Lodge, 2199 Oakland Ave., Indiana

CAMBRIA

Nov. 11 at 9 a.m.
Holiday Inn,
250 Market St., Johnstown

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PABE Retreat recap

On the Shores of Lake Erie

By Nicole R. Antos,
PBA County Bar Services Director

This year's Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives (PABE) retreat was held on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19-20, at the scenic Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel in Erie.

The Conference of County Legal Journals (CCLJ) met in conjunction with the PABE retreat. Members enjoyed a dinner Thursday night, followed by programming on Friday morning, led by attorney Jennifer Pulice, director of communications and publications for the Allegheny County Bar Association.

Lunch was served, and all PABE members gathered for an informative and open discussion on whether bar associations must register as charitable organizations, led by Penina Kessler Lieber, PBA secretary and an attorney with Obermayer, Rebmann, Maxwell & Hippel.

Following the charitable organizations program, the bar executives shared projects they have been working on in their respective counties in a "show-and-tell" fashion. This fostered much discussion, as we are constantly learning from one another.

The conversation continued as we boarded a trolley and set out on a tour of Presque Isle, complete with a stop at one of Lake Erie's beaches. Friday night concluded with an exquisite dinner at one of Erie's premier facilities, the Erie Club.

Saturday morning's programming featured Jennifer Lewin, field service representative for the ABA Division for Bar Services. Lewin joined us from Chicago to speak about trends and developments in the "bar world." Her presentation led to a very productive discussion on what is happening at the local bar level and how we can continue to recruit and retain members in this difficult economic climate.

Saturday continued with another trolley tour, this time of the Penn Shore and South Shore wineries. There, we met an enthusiastic grape farmer, whose love for his craft of winemaking was apparent, as he educated us on the process, taking us from grape to glass. Saturday evening concluded with dinner overlooking the bay at the Sheraton.

Over the course of this retreat, PABE



The beautiful Lake Erie at Presque Isle is shown in the photo above. In the photo at top, Kathy Sabol (from left), Susan Kenny, Diane Krivoniak and Sandy Brydon Smith pause for a photo at the Penn Shore Winery, located on the southern shore of Lake Erie.

members gathered to learn from not only the featured speakers but also from each other. We exchanged ideas, as well as friendship. A special thank you goes out to Becky Morgenthal, Sandy Brydon Smith and Kathy Sabol for coordinating a

wonderful retreat. We must also recognize the gracious hospitality of Brydon Smith and the Erie County Bar Association, who helped to make our Erie adventure a great success. ■

Save the date!

The final PABE meeting of the year will be held on Thursday afternoon, **Nov. 17**, during PBA Committee/Section Day in Harrisburg.

This is our annual meeting where, among other things, we will elect officers for the next two years and

extend our thanks to David Blaner for his terrific leadership over the past two years.

We'll also have a reception after the meeting to send off Susan Kenny, who's retiring from the Monroe County Bar Association. ■



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Allegheny

Blaner elected VP of NABE

David A. Blaner, executive director of the Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA), has been elected vice president of the National Association of Bar Executives for 2011-2012. NABE, which is based in Chicago, has more than 600 members. Next year, Blaner will become president-elect and then will be president of the organization in 2013.



David A. Blaner

Director of diversity and gender equality hired

Attorney Alysia Mercedes Keating has been hired as the ACBA's director of diversity and gender equality, a new position that will capture the synergies of these two critical objectives that were previously managed by two part-time consultants. Keating has been an attorney for 17 years and has worked in law firms in New York and Florida. Her first day on the job was Sept. 1.

According to ACBA President Howard J. Schulberg, "We are excited to have Alysia oversee our diversity and gender equality efforts. She has been successful in every position she has held and comes highly recommended by her previous employers. Of most significance, Alysia has what is needed to take the efforts of those who went before her and move both programs forward. She brings to this position not only her legal and business management experience, but also valuable insights as a working mother and as a minority attorney.

"The creation of one position is the natural progression of the association's long-term commitment to improving diversity and achieving gender equality in the local legal profession. We now have a solid foundation on which to build and

achieve long-term success in the areas of diversity and gender equality. We can take greater strides and capture the synergies of these two initiatives by having one director working on affecting positive change."

Beaver



Attorneys Mitchell Shahan (from left), Leo Bouwers, Garen Fedeles and Garrett Harper remove debris from the home's foundation.

Young Lawyers Division helps Habitat for Humanity

The Beaver County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division sponsored a Habitat for Humanity Workday on Saturday, Aug. 27. Eight members of the bar association worked alongside the homeowner, preparing the foundation for the New Brighton home.

Berks

Immigration Summit

The Berks County Bar Association hosted an Immigration Summit on Aug. 2, bringing together for the first time providers of service to the immigrant community. The 40 attendees included representatives from Berks Women in Crisis, Hebrew Immigration Aid Society, Reading

Hospital, Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center, Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition, Hispanic Center, Alvernia University, Catholic Charities, ACLU, Community Justice Project, as well as Lutheran pastors, members of the bar association's newly-formed Immigration Law Committee, the Berks County Public Defender's Office and Sen. Judy Schwank. The group exchanged ideas and discussed the needs of the community. Follow-up meetings are planned, and community educational programs have been scheduled. The summit was termed a success by all who attended.

Blair

MidPenn Legal Services fundraiser

The Blair County Young Lawyers Division held a fundraiser for MidPenn Legal Services in August. The group sold hoagies and pizzas and raised \$350.

Constitution Day celebration

The Blair County Bar Association held its annual Constitution Day celebration on Sept. 16 on the patio of the Blair County Courthouse, in cooperation with the Hollidaysburg Area High School. YLD members interpret the Bill of Rights to a crowd of high school students, attorneys and the general public. Also, the BCBA holds a poetry, poster and essay contest in which area students can submit poems, posters and essays interpreting the Constitution Day theme.

Chester

Lawyers' Quality of Life

The Chester County Bar Association (CCBA) has embarked on an initiative called Lawyers' Quality of Life (LQL). The LQL Committee surveyed members to see what activities, events, etc., could be offered that might help reduce their stress levels. The CCBA is now working on connecting those members that have indicated they would be interested in a walking club, yoga, book club, kick boxing, cultural events, ski club, golf lessons, bicycling club, counseling and support

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groups, family events, running club, day trips and massage therapy, to name a few. The CCBA is working with Ken Hagreen of “Lawyers’ Concerned for Lawyers” to educate its members about this program.

Beer & B.U.L.L. Sessions

This fall, the Time & Practice Management Section of the CCBA’s new Lawyers’ Quality of Life Committee will begin presenting a monthly, after-work discussion group series that will allow CCBA members to come together, talk about what challenges they’re dealing with and share solutions that have worked for them. Dubbed the CCBA “Beer & B.U.L.L. Sessions” (B.U.L.L. stands for “Better Understanding of Lawyers’ Lives”), the CCBA is offering sessions that will be loosely moderated and focus on a specific topic. Upcoming sessions will focus on such topics as: Technology, Connectivity & Sanity: How Connected is Too Connected?; Beyond the Billable Hour: Are There Better Ways to Charge (And Get Paid)?; and The Difficult Client: How To Cope (And When and How To Say Goodbye). CLE credit will be available.

Cumberland

CCBA Law Day Activities

For the third consecutive year, the Cumberland County Bar Association (CCBA) celebrated Law Day in May by reaching out to children across the county. With the theme “The Legacy of John Adams,” the 11-member Law Day Committee developed its own curriculum and student hand-outs, focusing on the Sixth Amendment right to counsel, with a tie-in to John Adam’s representation of the British soldiers in the Boston Massacre trials. This year, the committee worked with all public and private middle schools in the county. Twenty CCBA members volunteered to make nine interactive presentations to more than 300 students at six schools. (In 2010, they focused on the high schools; in 2009, the elementary schools.) The 11-member Law Day committee was led by co-chairs Katie Fitz-Patrick and Melissa Tanguay.

CCBA Midyear Meeting

The Midyear Meeting on May 24 included reports from the 2011 CCBA president, treasurer, and all six sections: Business Law, Criminal Law, Family Law, Cumberland County Inn of Court, Pro Bono and Young Lawyers Division. The following committee reports were given: CLE, Fee Dispute, Judicial Evaluation, Mediation Works, Law Day 2011 and Social Committee. First Vice President Marcus McKnight gave a presentation on the past four years of CCBA financial and membership overview and included his plans for his 2012 presidential year. In addition, the George E. Hoffer Service to Youth Award was presented to George B. Faller Jr. for his volunteer services coaching soccer and helped to develop a lacrosse program in the Carlisle area. The award recognizes and honors a CCBA member who is committed to improving the lives of young people. This award’s recipient is dedicated to encouraging youths to be active, responsible and positive participants in their school, work, community and family. The YLD and the CCBA Board of Directors gratefully acknowledge the

extraordinary contribution of this year’s recipient whose efforts contribute to a healthier, happier, more secure future for all of us.

Cumberland and Dauphin

Local attorneys aid Pajama Program

The Cumberland County Bar Association and Dauphin County Bar Association held their joint summer picnic, which included a successful Pajama Program outreach. While the purpose of the picnic is to develop civility among the bars’ members, this year’s event had an added purpose. Members, gathering for the picnic at Allenberry Resort Inn in Boiling Springs, were asked to bring a new set of pajamas and books as part of the philanthropic nature of the two bar associations.

“The Pajama Program is designed to gather those new items that will ultimately be distributed to children who are removed from their homes in Cumberland and Dauphin counties as a result of abuse or neglect. Often those children are forced to leave their homes without any personal

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Pictured (from left) with Pajama Program collection boxes are: Don Morgan, Dauphin County Bar Association executive director; Liesl Beckley, Dauphin County Bar Association president; Carrie Smyth, Dauphin County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section chair and Pajama Program organizer; and Tom Williams, Cumberland County Bar Association president; and Becky Morgenthal, Cumberland County Bar Association executive director.

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items or the items they do take with them must be destroyed as they are unsanitary,” says Carrie Smyth, chair of the Young Lawyers Section of the Dauphin County Bar Association. “This program will ensure that on the first night that a child is not in his/her home, [he or she] will have something many children take for granted – clean pajamas and a bedtime story book.”

Collected were 82 books, 15 stuffed animals, 78 pairs of pajamas and \$765. The donated items will be given to the county Children and Youth Agency, and the cash will be used to purchase more books and pajamas for those counties. Checks donated will be mailed to the nonprofit Pajama Program’s home office, eventually to be redistributed back to the area for the purchase of additional books and pajamas.

Dauphin

Summer Intern Program places 13 law students

The Capital Area Managing Partners (CAMP) Diversity Initiative, administered by the Dauphin County Bar Association Equal Professional Opportunity Committee, completed its sixth annual 1L Summer Intern Program, hiring 13 first-year minority law students for eight-week internships in Dauphin, Cumberland and Lancaster counties. Each week featured a seminar presentation describing the practical aspects of practicing law in different substantive areas.

Franklin

Celebrating Juror Appreciation Week

In celebration of National Juror Appreciation Week, members of the Franklin County Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division served refreshments to more than 300 people called for jury selection on May 9 in the Court of Common Pleas of the 39th Judicial District. FCBA Executive Director Carolyn Seibert-Drager addressed the potential jurors at the start of the day to thank them for their service and encourage them to stop by the YLD table for cookies and punch during their breaks.

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Lackawanna

New executive director

Lee Ann Munley, former chief of staff to state Rep. Kenneth J. Smith (112th Legislative District, Lackawanna County), has been hired as the Lackawanna Bar Association’s new executive director.

Fundraising Gala

As part of its Pro Bono Week Celebration, Lackawanna Pro Bono Inc. will hold its third annual Fundraising Gala on the evening of Oct. 27. The event will honor attorney Morey Myers and his wife, Sondra Myers, attorney Carlene Gallo, attorney Robert T. Gownley Jr. and PNC Bank with the Attorney Robert W. Munley Distinguished Service Award. A brief program will be held in the elegant ballroom of the Scranton Cultural Center.

Lebanon

Outstanding Senior Award

The Lebanon County Bar Association, in cooperation with local radio station WLBR/WQIC, presented its annual Outstanding Senior Award to Van Hunter Adams, a recent graduate of Cedar Crest High School. Adams, who is attending Cornell University, received a \$1,000 scholarship. This is the 50th consecutive year for the contest, which honors a senior who has excelled in scholastic achievement, leadership qualities and participation in school and community-related activities.

Conference room space available

The Lebanon County Bar Association has conference room space available for rental to outside attorneys who need a place to hold meetings or depositions in Lebanon County. For information and rates, call the LCBA office at 717-273-3113 or go to www.lebanoncountybar.org.

Lehigh

First Emmy Award win

The Bar Association of Lehigh County’s production of “Not Behind The Wheel,” created by eMediaWorks, received its first Emmy Award from the Mid-Atlantic

Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. “Not Behind The Wheel” addresses the dangers of texting while driving and the legal implications of this action. It finished best in the category of Children/Youth/Teen (19 and under) Program or Special.

“It is truly an honor for a bar association project to be recognized at the highest levels of the mid-Atlantic media industry,” said Bar Association of Lehigh County Executive Director Dan LaBert. “This award would not be possible without the creative excellence from eMediaWorks and the continued support from the Verizon Foundation and the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation. The students from Lehigh Valley Charter School of Performing Arts did an outstanding job!”

The 29th annual Mid-Atlantic Emmy Awards, honoring work from stations and individuals in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, were bestowed on Sept. 24.

Monroe

Summer Outing

The Monroe County Bar Association’s annual Leges Cup Tournament was held at Glenbrook Golf and Country Club on July 12. Eighteen participants, MCBA members and their guests, took part in the event. Then more than 60 guests took part in the member dinner and dance at Shawnee Inn and Gold Resort, enjoying an evening with friends and colleagues.

Bench Bar Conference

The MCBA sponsored its 15th annual Bench Bar Conference on Sept. 30 at Fernwood Hotel and Resort in Bushkill.

Judges and attorneys gathered for continuing legal education seminars. The two morning CLE seminars gave participants the option of selecting either “The New Pennsylvania Custody Law” or “Municipal Update” at 9 a.m. At the 10:30 a.m. session, participants had the choice of attending “Magisterial District Judge Practice” or “Bankruptcy — A Primer.”

Lunch in the Astor Room followed. Members were welcomed by F. Andrew Wolf, MCBA vice president and chairperson

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of the Bench Bar Committee. David J. Williamson, MCBA president, presented the "State of the Bar." His remarks were followed by guest speaker Matthew J. Creme Jr., president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Following lunch, a plenary session, "Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security," was presented by Kathryn J. Peifer, executive director of the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security. The final session of the day, "The State of the Bench," was presented by President Judge Ronald E. Vican. That presentation was followed by the Bench Bar Panel Discussion, moderated by Wolf.

Montgomery

School supply drive

Montgomery Bar Association's Women in the Law Committee, in partnership with Montgomery County's Office of Children

and Youth (OCY), recently hosted a successful school supply drive to benefit local children in foster care.

Forty-three backpacks and several hundred dollars in new school supplies were collected as a result of their maiden "Bags, Books and Beyond" initiative, thanks in part to generous donations from the area's legal community. The program received considerable attention from local news media, which impacted collections exponentially. According to an OCY representative, several area foster children expressed their appreciation for having new book bags and school supplies to start off the school year.

Schuylkill

Pro Bono Award

Attorney Thomas J. Pellish of Pottsville received a PBA Pro Bono Award for accepting referrals from Schuylkill County

Pro Bono, including custody cases and other challenging cases, and for his skill and dedication in handling of those cases.


York

Wills For Heroes

The York County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, in conjunction with Leave a Legacy York County, had a third Wills For Heroes event on Sept. 17 at Penn State York. Sixty emergency responders registered to attend.

Welcome reception

A welcome reception for members and community leaders to meet the YCBA's new executive director, Victoria Connor, will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the bar association's headquarters, 137 E. Market St., York. ■



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Grants news from Pa. Bar Insurance Fund and Trust Fund

The Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund and Trust Fund is pleased to announce that it has approved grants to the following counties in 2011:

Grant Requestor	Amount of Grant	Purpose of Grant
Berks County Bar Association	\$22,382.92 INSURANCE FUND	To purchase equipment to upgrade the CLE rooms at the BCBA headquarters and as seed funds for CLE website improvements.
Bucks County Bar Association	\$7,507.00 INSURANCE FUND	To cover the cost of purchasing equipment, installation of equipment and training for video conferencing to be utilized by BCBA members.
Chester County Bar Association	\$16,341.30 INSURANCE FUND & \$1,815.70 TRUST FUND	To purchase and install video production equipment and software, Cisco Router & Switch, 65" TV/Monitor/Bracket, Fax Machine, Furniture and tables, which will be used to expand and improve the manner in which the CCBA offers CLE courses, as well as educate and train attorneys who volunteer with their Access to Justice program.
Cumberland County Bar Association	\$14,109.00 TRUST FUND	To purchase an operating system upgrade for their computer system (server, Microsoft 2010 and Windows 7 upgrades), which will enable the CCBA to continue using their current database and expand its uses, which will in turn enable CCBA to better serve its membership and the public.
Delaware County Bar Association	\$12,000.00 TRUST FUND	To create a comprehensive Pro Se Information and Self Help section of its current website for use by both its membership and the general public. This would be done as part of its current website revision project. The website would be maintained and updated by the DCBA. This funding would be used to cover 50 percent of the first year costs of the project, and the DCBA will cover the remaining 50 percent, and from the second year of the project forward they will cover 100 percent of the costs.
Franklin County Bar Association	\$3,286.18 INSURANCE FUND	To cover the purchase and installation of a computer and flat-screen television for the newly constructed second conference room in the FCBA's office. This equipment will be used for CLE courses.
Lackawanna Bar Association	\$19,366.00 INSURANCE FUND	To upgrade and enhance computer hardware, software, webpage and CLE program development.
Westmoreland Bar Association	\$840.95 INSURANCE FUND	To purchase a laptop and software to be able to show PBI groupcasts in the WBA headquarters.
Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association (<i>partial grant approved</i>)	\$970.00 INSURANCE FUND	For an education seminar for criminal defense lawyers of juveniles on the Performance Guidelines that were adopted by the Interbranch Commission Report. Funds will be used for presenter expenses and PA CLE Board credits.

Pursuant to the new grants process/timeline effective in 2011, these funds must be expended by Dec. 1, 2011. Grant funds not expended by Dec. 1 will automatically be canceled, and the unexpended grant amount will revert to the fund from which it was granted.

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PBA Constitutional Review Commission update

By Lindsay A. Still
PBA Associate Legislative Counsel

Following months of public hearings and more than 50 written and oral submissions, the Pennsylvania Bar Association Constitutional Review Commission held a two-day meeting to discuss its final recommendations. The commission met on Sept. 8-9 in Mechanicsburg, where the goal was to reach a final agreement on as many issues as possible. Over the past year, the commission has been reviewing six areas of the Pennsylvania Constitution: legislative reapportionment, local government, public education, structure of the General Assembly, the judiciary, and taxation and the Uniformity Clause. Committees were formed to examine each of the six areas. The committees identified specific areas of interest within each constitutional provision. The committees developed their own hearing schedules and invited diverse groups and individuals to testify. The last public hearing was held on June 3, and since that time, the commission has been reviewing testimony, conducting research and debating the issues.

The commission began the drafting phase of its mandate during a two-day meeting on June 16-17. Over the course

of two days, each committee met to discuss the issues and develop a research and writing plan. Commission members were encouraged to participate in as many committee meetings as possible. This allowed the commissioners an opportunity to hear the information collected by the committees and get a sense of where the recommendations were heading. Many commissioners were active participants in the committee meetings, through offering opinions and experience and supplementing the submissions and research that had already been prepared.

The committees continued to hold meetings and participate in conference calls throughout the summer; many commissioners sacrificed mornings and evenings while on vacation in order to proceed with their work. Committee reports were to be completed by the end of August and circulated to the commission prior to the September meeting. On Sept. 8-9, the commission reviewed each report and debated the recommendations. While the committees had discussed the issues extensively, this was the first time the entire commission weighed in on all of the issues.

One of the main topics of discussion was how to best enact these changes, i.e. through a constitutional convention, limited constitutional convention, constitutional

amendment, referendum or the legislative process. The commission began the two-day meeting with a historical review of Pennsylvania constitutional conventions and the legality of a limited constitutional convention. The commission will submit a report to the Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates at the Nov. 18 meeting for approval. ■



Lindsay A. Still earned her undergraduate degree in political science from Clemson University and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, graduating from law school in

2010 with a certificate of advanced study in international and comparative law. She worked as an independent contractor for Jackson Cross Partners before beginning at the PBA. Since November, Still has been the PBA liaison to the Constitutional Review Commission. In August, she was hired as associate legislative counsel for the PBA's Legislative Department. Still will continue to work with the Constitutional Review Commission.

Grants news from Pa. Bar Insurance Fund and Trust Fund

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The trustees encourage county bar associations to apply for grants in 2012. Grants are considered on an annual basis, and the next round of grant requests is due on April 1, 2012. Grant applicants will be notified of the trustees' action by July 1, 2012.

While there is no formal grant application to complete, requests must contain information relating to the purpose of the grant, benefits derived, population to be served and the amount requested supported by a detailed budget. This is necessary to determine whether the grant meets the objectives of the Trust Fund or the Insurance Fund. The application

should also establish the fact it is a "seed money" request for the commencement of a new project, except for trust-sponsored programs.

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

The Pennsylvania Bar Trust Fund is the charitable arm of the PBA. It considers grant requests that "promote educational and charitable purposes associated with the legal profession and the administration

of justice with particular reference to the promotion of such purposes in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Grant requests should be forwarded to PBA Governance Manager Sandra Graver at PBA headquarters. Graver can be reached via phone at 1-800-932-0311, ext. 2221, or via email at sandra.graver@pabar.org.

Following is a current list of the trustees of the Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund and Trust Fund: Samuel G. Encarnacion, Lancaster, chair; Jane Leslie Dalton, Philadelphia, vice chair; Christine Hall McClure, Erie, secretary; Michael P. Yeager, Clearfield, treasurer; Hon. Mason Avrigian Sr., Montgomery; Timothy J. Carson, Philadelphia; Robert I. Johnston, Westmoreland; Heidi B. Masano, Berks; and Rhoda Shear Neft, Allegheny. ■

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Statewide Loan Repayment Assistance Program enters second year — Oct. 14 deadline for applications

Qualifying legal aid attorneys have until Oct. 14 to submit applications for the next cycle of the statewide loan repayment assistance program (LRAP) administered by the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation (PBF) and the Pennsylvania Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Board.

The LRAP is a direct outcome of the 2006 Report and Recommendation of the PBA Task Force on Student Loan Forgiveness and Repayment Assistance and is in its second year of helping attorneys employed in IOLTA-funded civil legal services organizations across the state better manage their law school debt so that they can continue to provide legal assistance to Pennsylvania's poor and disadvantaged.

The program provides for one-year loans, payable to qualified attorneys quarterly, with a 12-month employment requirement at an IOLTA-funded organization. Providing a participating attorney remains in qualified employment and continues to meet the program's other

eligibility requirements, the attorney may apply for and receive up to 10 one-year loans over his/her tenure in qualified employment. The LRAP loans must be used to repay loans incurred for undergraduate and law school educational costs and are forgiven at the end of each year if the eligibility requirements have been met.

Funding for the statewide LRAP comes from an IOLTA Board grant to the PBF. That grant is funded by the fees charged to out-of-state lawyers who wish to make an appearance in a Pennsylvania court. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court's 2010 decision to double the fee allowed the PBF to propose an expanded program to the court in 2011.

In July the court approved the PBF's proposal, allowing the LRAP to offer additional assistance. Under the increased funding, first-year program participants with annual net student loan debt service of \$3,500 or more will be able to receive a maximum loan of \$3,500; second-year participants with annual net student loan

debt service of \$4,500 or more will be able to receive a maximum loan of \$4,500; and those who continue in the program for three or more years and have annual net student loan debt service of \$6,000 or more will be able to receive a maximum loan of \$6,000.

"We are cautiously optimistic that the increasing levels of support will help make the decision to remain in a career of public service an easier one for these talented and dedicated lawyers," remarked PBF President Alfred Jones Jr., of Centre County.

In its first year, the PBF-IOLTA LRAP awarded nearly \$250,000 in loans to 75 attorneys employed at 15 different civil legal services organizations across the state.

For more information about the LRAP, including additional eligibility requirements, visit the PBF website at www.pabarfoundation.org or call PBF Executive Director E. Marie Queen at 1-888-238-3036. ■

Avoidance of legal malpractice seminars

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GREENE

Nov. 22 at 9 a.m.
County Office Building,
93 E. High St., 2nd Floor,
Waynesburg

SOMERSET

Nov. 22 at 3 p.m.
Oakhurst Tea Room,
2409 Glades Pike, Route 31,
Somerset

MONTGOMERY

Dec. 6 at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Montgomery Bar Association,
100 W. Airy St., Norristown



PBA Presidents' Dinners to be held across commonwealth

Pennsylvania Bar Association President Matthew Creme Jr. will host five Presidents' Dinners over the next several months. Local bar presidents will be invited to join Creme, along with relevant PBA staff and Board of Governors members, in order to have an open conversation and an exchange of ideas about the needs and concerns of the lawyers and the county and state bar associations in Pennsylvania. Please see the tentative schedule below:



Matthew Creme Jr.

<u>Zone(s)</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	Tuesday, Sept. 27
7 and 10	Tuesday, Oct. 18
2	Tuesday, Nov. 29
1 and 9	Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012
6 and 12	Thursday, March 29, 2012 ■



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New CEO for York Co. Bar Association/Bar Foundation

Victoria A. Connor, who has extensive experience in program management and marketing for non-profit, government and corporate institutions and in media/crisis communications, is the new chief executive officer of the York County Bar Association/York County Bar Foundation. She began her duties on Aug. 15.

“Victoria has both the extensive knowledge of non-profit administration and local network of relationships to enable her to hit the ground running in the role of CEO. We are pleased that she will be joining us in a leadership capacity,” said YCBA Board President-elect Judge John C. Uhler.

YCBA Board President Carolyn Steinhauser agreed: “Victoria’s leadership skills, experience in volunteer management and familiarity with community needs as well as the mission and goals of the association and foundation are definitive assets to advance the strategic priorities of the organization.”

Connor has over 20 years experience

in program management and marketing for non-profit, government and corporate institutions and 11 years experience in media/crisis communications. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from Rutgers University.

Previously, Connor was the director of communications/public support for the American Red Cross York-Adams Chapter. Her community and professional affiliations include membership on the American National Red Cross Advanced Public Affairs Team, the Association of Fundraising Professionals Central Pennsylvania Chapter, Leave a Legacy Steering Committee and Partnership Committee, New Jersey Media Arts Center/Rutgers Film Co-op Advisory Board, Rotary International Uptown Club, South Central Task Force Public Information Officer Subcommittee, Springdale Neighborhood Association Board, St. Patrick Church Pastoral Council, United Way of York County Communications Committee, Women’s Giving Circle of the

York County Community Foundation, York Area Housing Group and York County Council of Churches.

“Even though I will miss the daily interactions with my former colleagues, as well as our dedicated Red Cross volunteers and supporters, I am looking forward to starting a new phase of my career while continuing to serve others in our community as the CEO of the York County Bar Association/York County Bar Foundation,” Connor said. “The association and foundation are committed to making York and its environs an even better place to live. The Truancy Prevention Initiative, Leave a Legacy, MidPenn Legal Services and the Wills for Heroes events are just a few examples of the programs that have been fostered by the YCBA/YCBA. I am excited by the opportunity to further the joint missions of these organizations in the community my family and I call home.”

Connor resides in York with her husband, Michael. They are the parents of two children. ■

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Pa. Bar Foundation Night Out set for Nov. 17

Looking for some where to dine with your county bar leaders the night before the fall House of Delegates meeting? If so, you need look no further than the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's annual Night Out.

This year's event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17, at the conveniently located Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey, the site of the PBA House of Delegates Meeting on Friday, Nov. 18.

The evening starts at 6:30 p.m., concludes by 9:30 p.m. and features a four-course dinner, wines to complement each course and experts from the Pennsylvania Wine Society who will entertain and enlighten with their authoritative commentary and insights into wine

*Save the date
and register now.*

selection. Non-alcoholic beverages and a cash bar will also be available.

Tickets are \$85 and may be purchased online at www.pabarfoundation.org. A portion of the ticket price qualifies as a charitable contribution to the foundation. Contributions help to support the work of the foundation, which includes making grants; administering the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation – PA IOLTA Loan Repayment Assistance Program to help attorneys employed by IOLTA-funded civil legal

services organizations better manage their educational debt so they can remain in public service; seeking financial support from individuals and organizations both within and outside of the legal community; and encouraging bar members to donate their time, talent and expertise in service to the public.

Whether you're winding down from a hectic day of PBA Committee/Section Day meetings or looking for an evening of entertainment for your overnight in Harrisburg in preparation for the PBA House of Delegates meeting on Nov. 18, the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's Night Out offers a convenient location, a great meal and an opportunity to relax with your friends and colleagues. See you there! ■



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PBA Young Lawyers Division takes it back to the '80s

2011 Summer Meeting and New Admittee Conference Recap

It was a trip back in time to the 1980s – the decade of pastel polo shirts, gummy bracelets, spandex, lace and neon, and the DeLorean and flux capacitor – at the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyer Division's 2011 Summer Meeting and New Admittee Conference. This year's conference was held on July 28-30 at the beautiful Rocky Gap Lodge & Golf Resort, located in Maryland's Rocky Gap State Park in Cumberland, Md. The resort overlooks Lake Habeeb and offers a wide range of activities, including: a Jack Nicklaus signature golf course; indoor and outdoor pools; hiking, biking and horse riding trails; canoeing and other lake activities; and two on-site restaurants.

The conference, with the theme "*The Future's So Bright, I Gotta Wear Shades*": *How To Increase Your Value Without Increasing Your Hours*, was attended by more than 200 lawyers and their guests and offered young lawyers many opportunities for learning how to make the most out of their legal practice without sacrificing life away from the office. As in years past, the conference started with the YLD Business Meeting during which the YLD Executive Council shared with the young lawyers in attendance the benefits of being active in the YLD and the PBA. YLD Chair Hope Guy

laid out many of her plans for an exciting bar year, and the zone chairs reported on recent caravan events and those planned for later in the year. The conference then turned to kicking off the outstanding CLE offerings aimed at providing young lawyers with the skills they need to succeed in their careers. The CLE offerings for the conference included sessions on social networking and legal ethics, courtroom tips from the judiciary, going green with sustainable practices for the legal office, e-discovery, using InCite (the free online legal research program available to all PBA members) and maximizing a law practice while still enjoying a quality life outside of the office.

The conference also offered "totally wicked" networking and entertainment. Thursday evening's reception and dinner started with a speed networking event that led into a delicious dinner with remarks from Guy and PBA President Matthew J. Creme Jr. and an entertaining presentation from Duquesne University School of Law Professor Mark D. Yochum on pro bono publico service and the lawyer's oath. Following the dinner, conference attendees danced to hits from the '80s and later wrapped up the evening in the hospitality suite. Friday's daytime entertainment



A scene from the speed networking event.

included a lunch with remarks from PBA Immediate Past President Gretchen A. Mundorff on dining etiquette to improve a lawyer's ability to impress partners and clients, a golf outing as well as free time to enjoy all the amenities the Rocky Gap Resort had to offer. Friday evening's dinner included remarks from PBA YLD Chair-Elect Jacob A. Gurwitz and PBA President-elect Thomas G. Wilkinson Jr., which led into another night of dancing and socializing.

As always, the conference was a great opportunity for young lawyers to learn how to maximize their ability to be successful in the modern legal practice and contribute to their offices and society, as well as enjoy good times with old friends and make new ones. A special thanks to Guy and Gurwitz and the rest of the conference planning committee for a very informative and entertaining conference. We also thank the PBA staff for their hard work in making sure the 2011 Summer Meeting and New Admittee Conference was a resounding and "totally radical" success. We look forward to seeing all of you at the 2012 Summer Meeting and New Admittee Conference. Until then, the YLD's meeting and caravan schedule offers lawyers several great opportunities to experience some of the many benefits of active YLD and PBA participation that are packed into the annual summer meetings and new admittee conferences. Check the upcoming events schedule on the PBA website for the next YLD event. We hope to see you there. ■



Members of the PBA YLD New Admittee class, with PBA President Matthew J. Creme Jr. (back row, fifth from left) and YLD Chair Hope Guy (front row, third from left).

PBA names Janis M. Leftridge as its first diversity officer

Janis M. Leftridge of Harrisburg, who has an extensive background in human resources and diversity development, has joined the Pennsylvania Bar Association as the association's first diversity officer.

Leftridge is responsible for overseeing and facilitating the PBA's efforts to improve diversity within the association and Pennsylvania's legal profession.

"Janis Leftridge's experience, professionalism and leadership will be critical to the PBA's efforts to ensure that



Janis M. Leftridge

we are a bar association and a legal profession for everyone," said PBA President Matthew J. Creme Jr. of Lancaster. "We are fortunate to have someone with her depth of experience and knowledge to develop and grow our diversity effort."

Leftridge previously worked as the senior director for business diversity for the Harrisburg Regional Chamber of Commerce and CREDC, as a human relations consultant for Bayer Corp. in Pittsburgh and as a human relations manager for McCormick & Co. in Sparks,

Md. She also served as the assistant director of law admissions for the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Leftridge will work with the PBA Diversity Team, Board of Governors and senior staff to develop and execute the PBA's diversity programs and will work with the state's legal community to provide resources and tools in support of diversity goals, objectives and initiatives.

Leftridge earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Morgan State University in Baltimore, a master's degree in social work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore and a juris doctorate from the University of Baltimore School of Law. ■

'I Have a Dream ...' 2011 Law Day theme

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judges volunteer to go into classrooms to work with students through the PBA's Celebrate the Constitution program. Some volunteer on a regular basis through programs organized by the county bar associations in partnership with local schools, while others participate in special events, such as Constitution Day and Law Day. The work is important because it helps young people learn about our history and our form of government. And what duty could be more important than communicating this information to the future guardians of the liberties of our country? (Paraphrased from George Washington's 1796 State of the Union address to Congress.)

"I Have a Dream ..." is also this year's theme for the annual PBA poster, essay and audio/video contests that are promoted in schools throughout Pennsylvania. Students can submit entries until Dec 30. Winning entries are selected in each category and in various age groups, with the winners being announced in conjunction with Law Day activities.

Laurore is excited about the contests



PBA Law-Related Education Committee Chair Guerline L. Laurore (top row, far right) with fifth-grade students at Ashkar Elementary School in the East Lycoming School District in Lycoming County.

and possibilities that exist for lawyers to really make a difference in kids' lives. "We have developed wonderful lessons lawyers can use to talk with students. Many of the lessons support the 'I Have a Dream ...' theme and are an excellent way to encourage students to create posters, write essays or develop an audio/video project to enter into the PBA contests. It is encouraging to see the thought and creativity the kids put into the entries. I can't wait to see the entries we get this year!"

The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation funds

the Celebrate the Constitution program and provides U.S. Constitutions to students throughout Pennsylvania.

To learn more about the contest or get the official rules and entry forms and "I Have a Dream ..." lesson ideas you can use in the classroom, visit the PBA website at <http://www.pabar.org/public/education/11lessonplanguide.asp> or contact PBA Education and Special Projects Coordinator Susan Etter at susan.etter@pabar.org or 800-932-0311, ext. 2256. ■

Courses offered by the PBI

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

Advanced issues before the DVA

Oct. 5, Doylestown, West Chester

8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 3 substantive/1 ethics

IP Law Primer

Oct. 6, Butler, Doylestown, Erie, West Chester

8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 5 substantive/1 ethics

The Family Law Discovery Tool Kit

Oct. 11, Allentown, Chambersburg, Easton, Erie, Greensburg, Honesdale, Johnstown, Lebanon, Reading, Stroudsburg, Washington, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, York

8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 3 substantive/1 ethics

Manufactured Home Community Rights Act

Oct. 12, Allentown

9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

Trial Evidence — Artistry & Advocacy in the Courtroom

Oct. 12, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mill Hall, New Castle, Reading, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 5 substantive/1 ethics

Exceptional Children Conference 2011

Oct. 17, Lancaster

8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 6 substantive/0 ethics

A Day on Health Law

Oct. 18, Allentown, Erie, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Media, Mill Hall, New Castle, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, Washington, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York

8:30 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 5 substantive/1 ethics

Fire At-Will:

Wrongful Termination in PA

Oct. 19, Allentown, Greensburg, Uniontown, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York

12:30 to 3:45 p.m.; check-in at 12 p.m., 3 substantive/0 ethics

Presenting and Defending Catastrophic Injury Claims

Oct. 21, Johnstown, Mill Hall, Wilkes-Barre, York

9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

Corporate Compliance and Ethics

Oct. 25, Allentown, Beaver, Doylestown, Easton, Erie, Johnstown, Media, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York

9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 3 substantive/1 ethics

Facebook, Twitter & Blogging ... Oh MySpace!: Legal Issues with Social Networking Sites

Oct. 26, Allentown, Media, Reading, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 5 substantive/1 ethics

Trying a Self-Defense Felony Case:

An Analysis of the Gerald Ung Case

Nov. 1, Allentown, Doylestown, Easton, West Chester

12:30 to 3:45 p.m.; check-in at noon; 3 substantive

18th Annual Auto Law Update

Nov. 2, West Conshohocken

12:45 to 5 p.m.; check-in at 12:15 p.m., 3 substantive/1 ethics

Philadelphia County Domestic

Relations Practice

Nov. 3, West Chester

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 6 substantive/0 ethics

Local, State & Federal Taxes Affecting Real Estate Transactions

Nov. 4, Easton, Greensburg, Reading, Uniontown, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York

8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

Communications Skills for Lawyers: Dealing With the Media and Beyond

Nov. 7, Lebanon, Mill Hall, Warren, West Chester, York

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 5 substantive/1 ethics

15th Annual Family Law Update

Nov. 8, Allentown, Butler, Chambersburg, Doylestown, Easton, Erie, Greensburg, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Mill Hall, Montrose, Reading, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, Washington, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, York

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

17th Annual Business Lawyers' Institute

Nov. 9, Johnstown, Mansfield, Meadville, New Castle, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre

8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 5 substantive/1 ethics

Hot Topics in Capital Cases

Nov. 11, Erie, Lebanon, Uniontown, West Chester

9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 3 substantive/1 ethics

Guns and Lawyers for You and Your Client

Nov. 14, Greensburg, Lebanon, Mansfield, Mill Hall, Montrose, New Castle, Reading, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 5 substantive/1 ethics

Get Organized and Get Things Done

Nov. 15, Allentown, Meadville,

Stroudsburg, West Chester

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 5 substantive/1 ethics

Driving Under the Influence: Skills that Win Cases

Nov. 16, Butler, Doylestown, Easton, Reading, Uniontown, Waynesburg, West Chester, York

9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

Courses offered by the PBI

Travel Law

Nov. 17, Allentown, Doylestown, Easton, Johnstown, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, New Castle, Uniontown, Warren, Wilkes-Barre, York

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
6 substantive/0 ethics

Litigating the Science Case

Nov. 18, Allentown, Erie, Greensburg, Johnstown, Mansfield, New Castle, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.,
5 substantive/1 ethics

Protecting Your Client's Future: Medicare Set Aside Arrangements and Structured Settlements

Nov. 29, Lebanon, Meadville, Mill Hall, Reading, Uniontown, West Chester

9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
3 substantive/1 ethics

Ethically Creating an Innovative Legal Practice in the Digital Marketplace

Nov. 30, West Chester

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
5 substantive/1 ethics

Elder Law Update

Dec. 1, Allentown, Butler, Chambersburg, Easton, Honesdale, Lebanon, Mansfield, Media, Mill Hall, Montrose, New Castle, Norristown, Reading, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, York

9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; check-in at
8:30 a.m., 3 substantive/0 ethics

Current Issues in

Nursing Home Litigation

Dec. 2, Greensburg, Meadville, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre

8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.,
5 substantive/1 ethics

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the CLE Seminar featuring Sean Carter

Dec. 5, Chambersburg, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, New Castle, Norristown, Uniontown, Warren, Washington, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
3 substantive/3 ethics

Ideal Gas Law: A Comparative Review of Pennsylvania Gas Law with the Laws of other Major Oil Producing States

Dec. 7, Allentown, Butler, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, Montrose, New Castle, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, Waynesburg, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, York

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
6 substantive/0 ethics

18th Annual Auto Law Update

Dec. 8, Scranton

12:45 to 5 p.m.; check-in at 12:15 p.m.,
3 substantive/1 ethics

Ohlbaum on Evidence Advocacy: Using the Rules of Evidence to Persuade

Dec. 8, Allentown, Easton, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, New Castle, Norristown, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.,
5 substantive/1 ethics

School Law

Dec. 9, Allentown, Doylestown, Erie, Greensburg, Waynesburg, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre

9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
4 substantive/0 ethics

Collecting & Enforcing Judgments in Pennsylvania

Dec. 12, Allentown, Chambersburg, Erie, Greensburg, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, Reading, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre

9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
5 substantive/1 ethics

e-Commerce: Legal and Practical Issues

Dec. 13, Norristown, West Chester

12:30 to 4:45 p.m.; check-in at 12 p.m.,
3 substantive/1 ethics

The Surprisingly Useful Things Legal Writers Can Learn from Fiction Writing

Dec. 14, Allentown, Erie, Greensburg, Lebanon, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre

1 to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 12:30 p.m.,
3 substantive/0 ethics

Writing Better Complaints, Contracts, Discovery Requests, Laws and Regulations

Dec. 14, Allentown, Erie, Greensburg, Lebanon, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre

9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; check-in at
8:30 a.m., 3 substantive/0 ethics

18th Annual Auto Law Update

Dec. 15, Allentown, Erie, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Mill Hall, Montrose, New Castle, Reading, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York

12:45 to 5 p.m.; check-in at 12:15 p.m.,
3 substantive/1 ethics

Criminal Law Update

Dec. 16, Allentown, Doylestown, Easton, Greensburg, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, New Castle, Reading, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, York

noon to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.,
4 substantive/0 ethics

Making Sense of Medicare

Dec. 20, Allentown, Chambersburg, Greensburg, Lebanon, Meadville, Montrose, New Castle, Stroudsburg, Wilkes-Barre

12:30 to 4:45 p.m.; check-in at noon,
4 substantive/0 ethics ■

Lancaster Bar Association Foundation launches Matt Creme Access to Justice Fund



Lancaster native James W. Diehm, professor of law at the Harrisburg campus of Widener University School of Law, PBA President Matthew J. Creme Jr. and his wife, Diane, at the launch of the Matt Creme Access to Justice Fund.

■ *In honor of PBA president.*

The Lancaster Bar Foundation recently established the Matt Creme Access to Justice Fund to provide a broad range of financial support to community projects aimed at promoting equal access to justice for the citizens of Lancaster County.

The endowment is named in honor of Pennsylvania Bar Association President Matthew J. Creme Jr. of Lancaster. The foundation launched the fund at a reception on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Lancaster Bar Association headquarters in downtown Lancaster, with Lancaster-area judges, lawyers and businesspeople attending.

At the reception, Sue Danforth of Strasburg, recently retired pro bono coordinator for MidPenn Legal Services and administrator of the Volunteer Attorney Program of the Lancaster Bar Association, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Al Azen of Harrisburg, executive director of the Pennsylvania Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Board, received the PBA's Pro Bono Partner Award.

Lancaster Bar Association Foundation Chairman James F. Devine opened the program at 6 p.m., followed by a keynote address by Judge Lawrence F. Stengel of Lancaster, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Creme delivered remarks and presented the awards to Danforth and Azen. ■



PBA President Matthew J. Creme Jr. presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to Sue Danforth (photo at left) and the Pro Bono Partner Award to Al Azen (photo at right).

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“Your Bar Association is a Patchwork: Learn to Quilt it Together”

The 46th Annual Conference of County Bar Leaders, will be held at the Lancaster Marriott Convention Center on February 23-25, 2012. The CCBL Executive Committee recently met in historic Bethlehem to begin the planning process for the upcoming conference, which will focus on leadership. Once again, we will host game night following Friday's dinner. Those who attended last year's conference will agree that this is a “can't miss!” Stay tuned for your invitation!

Pennsylvania Bar Association CONFERENCE OF COUNTY BAR LEADERS Lancaster County Convention Center Lancaster, Pa.



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Diversity Summit

Oct. 27
Hilton Harrisburg, Harrisburg



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Nov. 17
Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg



PBA House of Delegates

Meeting

Nov. 18
Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel,
Harrisburg

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