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2013 CCBL – Y'all come back now!

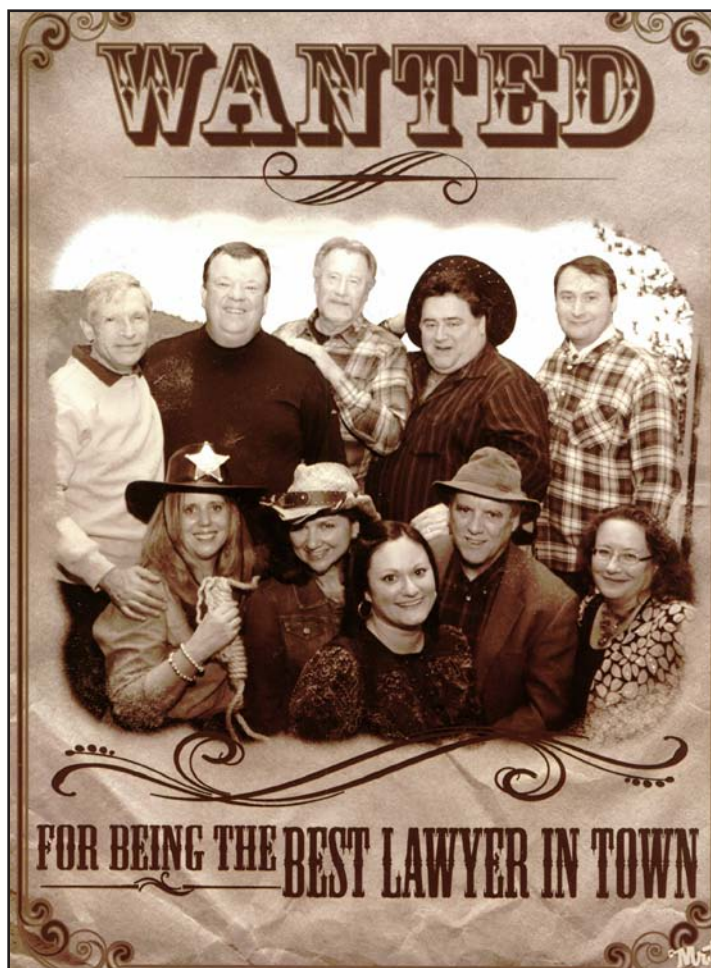
By Colleen M. Neary,
Immediate Past President,
CCBL Executive Committee

County Bar officers and executive directors from across the commonwealth recently joined members of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Board of Governors, as well as young lawyer members of the Bar Leadership Institute, for two days of informative and fun CLE, networking and a country and western party. Over 250 bar leaders were in attendance at the 47th Annual Conference of County Bar Leaders, which took place in State College on Feb. 21-23.

The focus of the CCBL was again on leadership. Keynote speakers included Lackawanna College President and retired Army Col. Mark Volk, who kicked off Friday morning's sessions with a program on leadership in the 21st century and lessons learned during 9/11. Volk, who was present at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, was awarded the Soldier's Medal for his heroism and lifesaving efforts on that day. His discussion and insight inspired everyone.

Dr. G. Terry Madonna, director of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs and Professor of Public Affairs at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, joined us at lunch to give an informative and thought-provoking presentation on the current state of Pennsylvania politics. He examined the 2012 elections and major issues presently before the state government and also looked ahead to the 2014 mid-term election.

Other educational programs included seminars on non-profit law, diversity, dealing with the media, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers and legal journals. The avoiding legal malpractice program provided some laughs with a star-studded live perfor-



Having some fun at CCBL's old time photo shoot are (front, from left) CCBL Executive Committee members Colleen Neary, Sharon López, Nicole Antos, Jim Antoniono and Kathy Sabol and (back, from left) Bill Scott, Mike Pierce, John Howland, Joe Curcillo and Tom Casale.

mance by the "Permanently Banned from Prime Time Players."

Twenty-one county bar associations were presented with County Bar Recognition Awards, which honor projects and programs undertaken by bar associations in the calendar year which improve the legal profession, justice system and local community. (See related article on page 5). The Nurick, Flaherty and Birdsall awards were presented to Elizabeth Erickson Kameen of Pike County, Robert I. Johnston of Westmoreland County and David Blaner of Al-

legheny County, respectively. (Read more about these deserving recipients in the related article on page 4).

Game Night returned this year as the Friday night entertainment, but with the added twist of being a real "Boot Scootin' Boogie," where sheriffs and cowboys were a plenty. In addition to the Wii™ games, contestants were able to try their luck at a "turkey shoot," country line dancing or just gather with old and new friends for an old

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time photo shoot.

The conference wrapped up Saturday morning with breakfast and a well-attended legal journal program. We also held our CCBL Executive Committee business meeting, where I passed the gavel to our next leader, Sharon López.

By way of introduction, López is the managing partner of the Lancaster firm Triquetra Law, where she represents workers and plaintiffs in employment law, discrimination and police misconduct cases. She currently serves as the minority representative for CCBL's diversity position on the executive committee. López is an active member of various other PBA committees, including the Judicial Evaluation Commission and the Minority Bar and Civil and Equal Rights committees. At the local level, López serves on the Lancaster Bar Association's Judiciary Committee and Diversity Committee, among her other endeavors.

As a final note, we would not have been able to put this conference together without the hard work of the CCBL executive committee members, PBA staff and the generosity of our sponsors. On behalf of the entire CCBL executive committee, I would like to thank USI Affinity, LexisNexis, the Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives, Pennsylvania Court Reporters Association, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Hershey Meetings, Nemacolin Woodlands Resort, Omni Bedford Springs Resort and Seven Springs Mountain Resort.

I have no doubt that López will be an effective leader and coordinate an excellent conference next year. Please be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us back in State College on Feb. 27 – March 1, 2014. ■

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Colleen M. Neary (right), outgoing president of the Conference of County Bar Leaders Executive Committee, passes the gavel to incoming President Sharon López at the conference in State College.

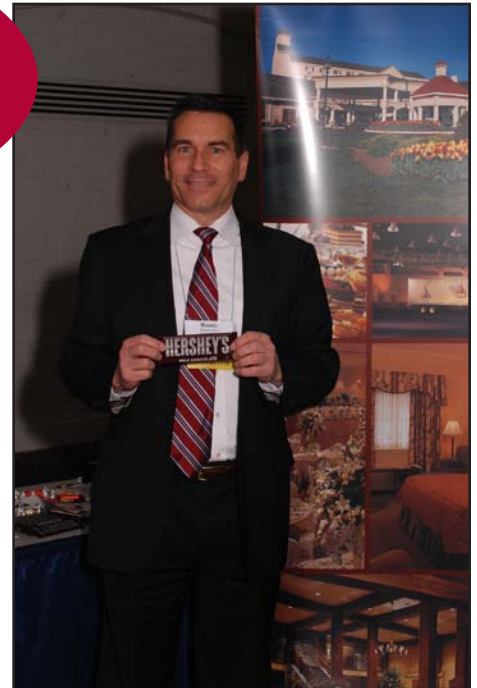
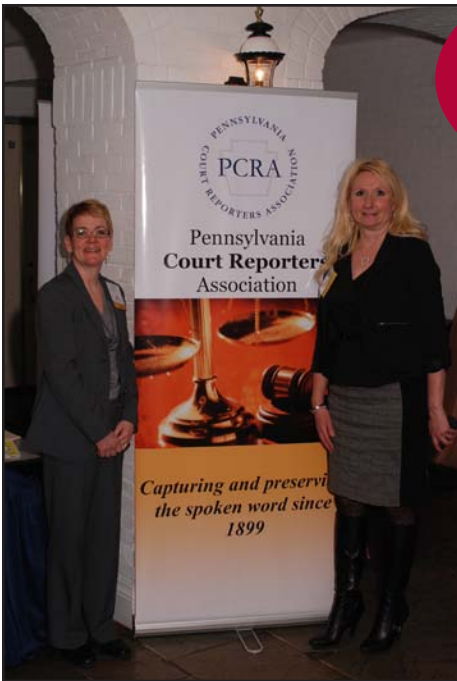


PBA President Thomas G. Wilkinson Jr. (left) and G. Terry Madonna, director of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs and Professor of Public Affairs at Franklin and Marshall College, chat during lunch.

Donald C. Sarvey (left) leads a CLE titled "Dealing With the Media."



*Scenes from the
2013 Conference of
County Bar Leaders
in State College, Pa.*



Kameen, Johnston, Blaner receive CCBL honors

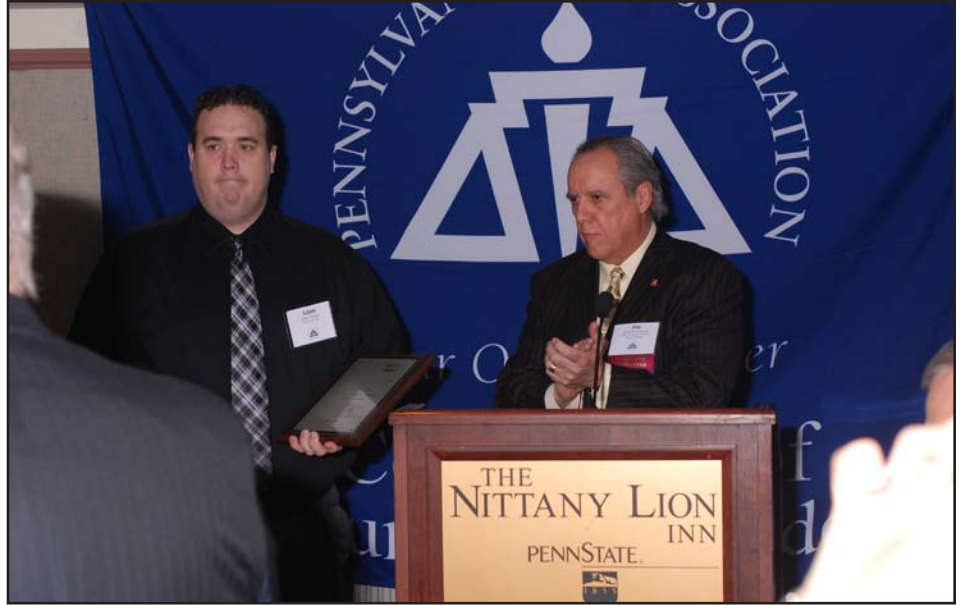
The Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) recently honored David A. Blaner, executive director of the Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA), with its 16th Annual Arthur J. Birdsall Award, while Robert I. Johnston of Westmoreland County received the Chief Justice John P. Flaherty Award. Pike County's Elizabeth Erickson Kameen took home the Gilbert Nurick Award for her commitment to the Pennsylvania and Pike County bar associations. The awards were bestowed in February at the 47th Annual Seminar of the CCBL in State College.

The Birdsall Award is presented to a county bar executive who demonstrates professional excellence, who is committed to the success of his or her bar association and who significantly enhances the stature of his or her bar association. The award is named in honor of Arthur J. Birdsall, the PBA's county bar services director who retired after nearly 40 years of support to local bar associations.

Blaner has served as ACBA executive director for 12 years. In that time, his accomplishments have included: 70 percent membership of lawyers in Allegheny County; funding grants for public interest and government lawyers; spearheading diversity efforts; his commitment to equal justice and access to the courts for all people; strengthening relationships with state legislators; and supporting charitable causes. He is not only an advocate for the PBA, but he also is a recognized leader in the American Bar Association. In August, he will become president of the National Association of Bar Executives. To quote from the nomination received on his behalf, "David's wisdom and experience put him among the most respected bar leaders in our state, if not the nation. When he speaks, bar executives and leaders from across the country take notice and follow his lead." Blaner, who was unable to attend CCBL, will be



David A. Blaner



Robert I. Johnston of Westmoreland County received the Chief Justice John P. Flaherty Award. He was unable to attend, but his son, Adam, (left) and his wife, Jacque, accepted the award on his behalf from CCBL Executive Committee member and Westmoreland Bar Association Past President Jim Antoniono (right).



Pike County's Elizabeth Erickson Kameen accepts the Gilbert Nurick Award for her commitment to the Pennsylvania and Pike County bar associations.

presented with the Birdsall award at the upcoming PABE meeting that will be held in conjunction with the PBA Annual Meeting in May, which appropriately, will take place in Allegheny County.

The Flaherty Award is given to a qualified PBA member to recognize an outstanding effort to promote the objects and pur-

poses of the CCBL and to improve the legal profession, the justice system or the community. The award is not necessarily given on an annual basis, but rather when the efforts of an individual should be recognized.

Johnston is a partner with the Greens-

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Local bar associations receive awards from PBA

The Pennsylvania Bar Association presented County Bar Recognition Awards during the 46th Annual Seminar of the Conference of County Bar Leaders, Feb. 21 - 23, at The Nittany Lion Inn, State College. Twenty-one local bar associations in Pennsylvania were honored this year for sponsoring projects that improve the legal profession, justice system and community. The awards, which are non-competitive in nature, are presented annually by the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

“We proudly recognize lawyers who voluntarily lead and actively participate in efforts to improve their communities and better the legal profession and the justice system,” said Thomas G. Wilkinson Jr, president, Pennsylvania Bar Association. “The intent of the County Bar Recognition Awards is to encourage even more legal professionals to be part of the organized bar’s ongoing efforts to advance projects and programs that benefit many Pennsylvania citizens.”

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

Beaver County Bar Association:

Charity Golf Outing, The Center for Hope Service Project and Wine Dinner Fundraiser

Berks County Bar Association:

Voter Photo ID Task Force and Legends from the Bar, Generations of Mentors Program

Centre County Bar Association:

Centre County Courthouse Documentary, Meet the Judges Night and Hike Event, and Protection of Children-themed Bench Bar Day

Chester County Bar Association:

Federal vs. State Annual Softball Game and Logo Redesign Contest

Cumberland County Bar Association:

Adopt-a-Family 2012 Program and 2012 Law Day

Dauphin County Bar Association:

Mediation Program and New Pro Se Custody Conciliation Clinics

Delaware County Bar Association:

New Member Orientation Program and Pro Bono Program

Erie County Bar Association:

Commonwealth Court Visit, Online CLE and Red Mass

Lackawanna Bar Association:

Law Day Ceremony and 2012 T. Linus Hoban Memorial Forum

Lancaster Bar Association:

U.S. Supreme Court Admission Trip

Lawrence County Bar Association:

Lunch CLE Programming

Lycoming Law Association:

Law Day 2012, Young Lawyers Division Pajama Drive and Angel Tree Toy Drive, and Institution of the William E. Nichols Community Service Award

Monroe County Bar Association:

2012 Fairy Tale Trials

Montgomery Bar Association:

Comprehensive Electronic Communications Strategy, 2012 Civil Practice Manual and MBA Diversity Committee “Day in Court Program”

Northampton County Bar Association:

2012 Bench Bar Conference and Paralegal Award

Pike County Bar Association:

Bar None Children Rule Donations, Food Bank Replenishment and Spring Relief for Heroes Program

Schuylkill County Bar Association:

Holidays Donations, Schuylkill County Cancer Awareness Event and Past Presidents’ Dinner

Washington County Bar Association:

Membership Campaign, “Justice Day” Leadership Washington Program and “Ask a Lawyer” Event

Westmoreland Bar Association:

Antietam Trip and Civics Education Program

Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association:

Dinner with a Judge Program, Library Reorganization and Rejuvenation Project, and Conflict Resolution Day at the County Courthouse Program

York County Bar Association:

Impact Grants Program, Pajama Program and Wills for Heroes Event ■

The law students are coming. Is your county bar association ready?

By **Jacob A. Gurwitz, chair,**
PBA Young Lawyers Division

Due to Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division efforts in Pennsylvania law schools, PBA law student membership has grown to over 1,400 members this year, a number which will likely at least double in future years before leveling off. Increasingly, the PBA will be in the position to let your county bar association know which young women and men from your county are in law school.

What outreach does your county bar association do while your hometown daughters and hometown sons are in law school, so they return home?

If your county bar association does not currently offer a law student membership option, please consider adding one. Law student membership should involve a nominal cost (~\$20/year) and need not to carry voting rights consistent with full membership. For law students, receiving bar association emails and newsletters will keep

them informed of what is going on in the county bar association and begin to instill them with a sense of belonging.

For lawyers, law student membership serves as a marker of law students with a geographical tie to the community, which may ease the search for summer interns or future associates.

Law students will appreciate being invited to county bar association events, but typically the event calendar and law school calendars are not easily compatible. No matter how friendly you are, a law student is likely to prioritize studying and taking exams to attending the county bar association holiday party. Instead, I would suggest that county bar leaders invite law students to lunch, primarily during winter and summer breaks. If possible, identify mentors for law students and make an introduction.

Building relationships is the cornerstone of bar associations. Formal inclusion with law student membership, regular emails and newsletters, invitations to events, occasional face-to-face lunches and

periodic mid-semester phone calls are each simple ways to make sure that your county bar association is proactive in building relationships with your hometown daughters and hometown sons, so they come home.

Contact PBA YLD coordinator Maria Engles at maria.engles@pabar.org to reach out to your local law students.

Grass grows when it is watered. Thank you for taking the time to water your county bar association's roots. ■

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burg firm of Tremba and Jelley LLC. He is a past president and committee chair of his local bar association; founder, past president and current board member of the local Inns of Court; past PBA zone governor and current member of the PBA House of Delegates; trustee of the Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund and Trust; former chair and current member of the PBA Professional Liability Committee; regular presenter at CCBL and veteran actor, whom you may recognize as a series regular in the "Avoiding Legal Malpractice" vignettes. These titles and accomplishments alone, however, do not define who Johnston is. As stated in his nomination, "his dedication to the practice of law not just from a substantive aspect but also from the personal side is unmatched. By that, I mean that not only is he extremely knowledgeable about the area of

law in which he practices, but he practices law like a gentleman."

The Gilbert Nurick Award is named for the late Harrisburg lawyer who served as PBA president. It is presented to a member of the PBA who exhibits dedication and service to the leadership and promotion of the organized bar and its activities. The award need not be given on an annual basis, but when the dedication and achievement of an individual should be recognized.

Kameen is not only the current president of the Pike County Bar Association (PCBA), but is also the creator and editor of the *Pike County Legal Journal*. She is the visionary and creator of the PCBA's first website, e-marketing endeavors, brochures, CLE materials and the Center for Developmental Disabilities outdoor playground. She has not only initiated the PCBA

Community Outreach program to assist local families in need, but she also has expanded the charitable arm of the PCBA by introducing an annual gift-giving program. Kameen was also instrumental in deciding that the PCBA will voluntarily pay for its members to also be members of the PBA, in order to maximize local participation at the state level. Ever gracious while accepting this honor, Kameen stated, "were it not for the fact that our bar is comprised of 86 attorneys all of whom appreciate the need to give back to the community, we would not be receiving this award today. An organization is only as good as its members. We are fortunate to have many wonderful members who appreciate the value of giving back to the community." ■

SAVE THE DATE

For the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division 2013 Summer Meeting/New Admittee Conference



July 24-26, 2013

**Toftrees Resort and Conference Center
State College, Pa.**



*The upcoming YLD Summer Meeting/
New Admittee Conference will feature plenty of
CLE and networking opportunities and entertainment.*

Registration information coming soon.



On the *Local Scene...*

Blair

Student loan forgiveness seminar

The Young Lawyers Division Committee of the Blair County Bar Association sponsored a student loan forgiveness seminar on April 4 in Jury Assembly Room, Blair County Court House.

Chester

For the love of Madeline

What better way to gear up for Valentine's Day than jewelry, cookies and donating money to a good cause – they all touch our hearts! On Tuesday, Feb. 12, the Chester County Bar Association held a jewelry auction featuring the beautiful jewelry of the late Chester County attorney Madeline H. Lamb, with proceeds benefitting Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania. To top off the fabulous jewelry, delectable cookies were made and donated by Donna Clark of C&C Cookie Company. As the crowd gathered, the bidding began! The bar association was able to raise over \$5,000 for Legal Aid – an important part of our community and Madeline's heart.

Helping through hoops

The Chester County Bar Association kicked off March Madness with a bang! After Selection Sunday, CCBA got ready for the madness with two big screen televisions for the basketball extravaganza. Helping through Hoops is an annual event that encourages members of the bar to come out to the CCBA, unwind and enjoy some friendly competition by watching the first round of the NCAA Championships together while indulging on some hearty treats and refreshments – and all proceeds benefit Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania!

Dauphin

10th Annual Pro Bono Reception with the Bench

In April 2003, the Dauphin County Bar Association hosted its first invitation-only Pro Bono Reception at the Dauphin County Courthouse. As it reaches its 10-year anniversary, the event continues to improve each year.

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At the Dauphin County Bar Association's 2013 Pro Bono Reception are, from left: Jonathan Kunkel, DCBA president; Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille, Pennsylvania Supreme Court; Mary Catherine Scott, Widener Law School professor and pro bono attorney; Sandy Ballard, DCBA Public Services coordinator; Jim DeAngelo, DCBA Public Service Committee chair; and President Judge Todd A. Hoover, Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas.

The DCBA emphasizes this event as an opportunity to involve the judiciary in recognizing pro bono attorneys:

- The president judge serves as the official host of the reception,
- The invitation is printed on the president judge's letterhead (although the bar association covers the mailing costs),
- The invitation lists the other judges planning to attend,
- Numerous members of the bench participate, and
- The president judge offers his personal thanks and appreciation.

The event includes brief comments from the president judge, light refreshments and plenty of time to visit with the members of the bench and other court officials attending. Although participants receive a coffee mug filled with donated Hershey's Kisses, pro bono attorneys consider an invitation to the event as the most valuable reward.

For the 10th anniversary in February 2013, we were delighted to learn that Chief Justice of Pennsylvania Supreme Court Ronald D. Castille would be attending!

Justice Castille made brief comments and stayed to chat with the pro bono participants. Castille's presence was a huge present to the pro bono program and its participants.

Erie

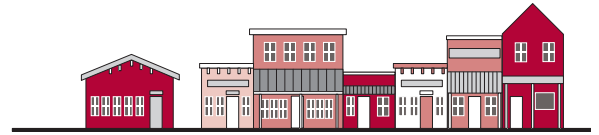
Annual Law Day Run/ Walk

The 10th Annual Law Day 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 27, at 9 a.m. The course takes runners and walkers of all ages and abilities through the streets of Erie beginning in front of the Erie County Courthouse and finishing in Perry's Square. A top-quality, wicking T-shirt is given to each pre-registrant.

Proceeds from this event benefit the ECBA's signature community project, Attorneys & Kids Together, which supports the educational needs of local students

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living in homeless situations. Go to www.eriebar.com to register or call 459-3111 for a registration form.

Lancaster Lancaster attorney honored at LCBA memorial

The PBA Legal Services to the Public Committee has honored late Lancaster County lawyer Kenneth R. Jewell with its Jeffrey A. Ernico Award.

The award celebrates the pro bono accomplishments of Harrisburg attorney Jeffrey A. Ernico and his longstanding commitment to equal justice and service to those who have nowhere else to turn for legal services. It is an occasional award of the PBA Legal Services to the Public Committee presented to individuals and groups making significant improvements in the provision of legal services to the poor.

Ernico, along with Matthew J. Creme Jr., PBA immediate past president, and Samuel W. Milkes, executive director of the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, presented the award to Caroline Hoffer, chair of the Memorial Resolution Committee, for Jewell's widow, Rosemary, at the Lancaster Bar Association memorial for Jewell, held Feb. 27.

Jewell was recognized by the LBA and PBA for his outstanding community service through pro bono contributions. In 1998 he was awarded the LBA's Access to Justice Award, and in 2002 he received the PBA Pro Bono Award. His dedication to public service started long before those awards were given. Jewell, together with other LBA members, founded the Lancaster Mediation Center in 1979 and served on its Board of Directors for 16 years, including a three-year term as president. He also championed access to justice as the initial coordinator of the LBA's Pro Bono Program, later named the LBA Volunteer Attorney Program, and served as an active member of the program. In 1990 Jewell testified as chair of the LBA Public Services Committee before the PBA Task Force for Legal Services to the Needy.

Former LBA President Greg Paulson



Caroline Hoffer, chair of the Lancaster Bar Association Memorial Resolution Committee, accepts the award for Kenneth R. Jewell's widow, Rosemary, from Jeffrey A. Ernico, with, to her left, Matthew J. Creme Jr., PBA immediate past president, and Samuel W. Milkes, executive director of the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network.

was chair of the LBA Public Service Committee when the LBA Pro Bono Program debuted in 1982. According to Paulson, Jewell was one of the founding fathers of pro bono in Lancaster County. He was incredibly bright, good-humored and warm to all. He was truly dedicated to helping the underprivileged. His role as the first pro bono coordinator set the tone and the drive for the program's success.

Lebanon Celebrating bicentennial year

Lebanon County is celebrating its bicentennial year in 2013. The Lebanon County Bar Association participated in an all-day event Feb. 16 with a display showing the many ways in which attorneys of the LCBA contribute to the community. Attorneys volunteered their time at the

booth throughout the day.

Bench/bar breakfast

The judges of the Lebanon County Court of Common Pleas and the attorneys of the Lebanon County Bar Association held their annual bench/bar breakfast on Feb. 12. The event provides an opportunity for discussion of a variety of issues.

Women Lawyers Committee takes on Christmas project

The Women Lawyers Committee of the Lebanon County Bar Association again collected donations for needy families in the community as a Christmas project. Gift cards were presented to a family suggested by Children & Youth Services.

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Lebanon County attorney Ian Ehrgood takes a turn at the booth.





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Lycoming Annual Meeting and Banquet

The Lycoming Law Association recently held its Annual Meeting and Banquet, where election of the officers of the association occurred. Julieanne E. Steinbacher was elected president, replacing J. Michael Wiley, who now will serve in the position of past-president. Thomas Waffenschmidt was named president-elect. The remainder of the Executive Committee was retained: Patricia Bowman, treasurer; Robert Cronin, secretary; Tammy Avery Weber, Ryan M. Tira and Jennifer L. Heverly, Executive Committee members at large. Newly selected to the Executive Committee is Christian Frey. Law association members also passed the 2013 budget and accepted financial and committee reports submitted by committee chairs. The LLA Foundation Annual Meeting also took place, at which time William E. Nichols Sr., was elected to another four years as trustee of the foundation. The annual report of the foundation and its financial reports were also received and approved.

Longevity was the theme of the 2013 LLA Annual Meeting and Banquet. Long-time committee chairs were recognized at the well-attended event presided over by newly-elected Steinbacher. Charles F. "Skip" Greevy III, was recognized for his long chairmanship of the Bar History Committee. Fred A. Holland received recognition for his long-term leadership of the Real Estate Committee. Bench Bar Chair C. Edward S. Mitchell was honored for his service. John P. Pietrovito was acknowledged for his leadership of three LLA committees: Education, Mock Trial and Legal Services for the Indigent. Gary L. Weber was honored for long-time chairmanship of the Customs and Rules and the Technology and Website Committees.

LLA members Joseph L. Rider and Paul W. Wertman were recognized for 50 years of services to the Lycoming Law Association.

William P. Carlucci received the second



Shown at the Lycoming Law Association's recent Annual Meeting and Banquet are (from left) C. Edward S. Mitchell, Joseph L. Rider, Charles F. Greevy III, John P. Pietrovito, Julieanne E. Steinbacher, Gary L. Weber, Fred A. Holland and William P. Carlucci.

annual William E. Nichols Community Service Award, which comes with the right to designate the recipients of a \$1,000 charitable donation made by the association in his name. The award is intended to recognize outstanding commitment to community service beyond the practice of law by a member of the Lycoming Law Association.

Bret J. Southard received the Honorable Thomas Wood Jr. Equal Access to Justice Award, which recognizes an individual lawyer who has gone above and beyond in terms of serving the indigent community in pro bono legal services. Six Lycoming County law firms received 100 percent pro bono participation awards: Murphy, Butterfield and Holland PC; Carpenter, Harris, and Flayhart; The Law Firm of J. Howard Langdon and John Pietrovito; Greevy and Taylor; Rieders, Travis, Humphrey, Harris, Waters and Waffenschmidt; and Fetter McDermott. Ninety-four attorneys received Fair Share awards for their handling of 268 pro bono cases.

Montgomery MBA launches 'Courting Art' contest and exhibition for seniors

A Valentine's Day media event marked the launch of this year's inaugural Courting Art: "What I Love About Montgomery County" art contest for creative seniors. The Courting Art initiative embodies a series of community art exhibitions and contests, organized and hosted by the MBA and its outreach partners, for the betterment of the Montgomery County Court House. According to MBA Community Outreach Committee Chair, Judge Carolyn T. Carluccio, "Improvements to our courthouse interior have been long overdue and it's well documented that art heals, reduces daily stress and improves our overall being." A website and promotional materials were created by the MBA's Marketing Department and to date all funding and support for the project has come from sponsoring attorneys, law firms, community partners and area businesses. Courting Art is believed to be first initiative of its kind to bring significant physical and aesthetic change to a county courthouse without dependence on public funding and resident

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On the *Local Scene*...



Pictured at the Pike County Bar Association's "My Cousin Vinny" CLE are (from left): Ben vanSteenburgh, PCBA vice president and Pike County chief public defender; Raymond Tonkin, Pike County District Attorney; PBA President Thomas G. Wilkinson Jr.; PCBA President Elizabeth A. Erickson Kameen; PBA Vice President Francis X. O'Connor; Joseph F. Kameen, Pike County President Judge; and Michael Weinstein, former Pike County district attorney and now a practicing private criminal defense attorney as well as a member of the Pike County Public Defender's Office.

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tax dollars. For more information on this year's Courting Art contest and exhibition, visit www.CourtingArt.com.

Pike Children's Champion Award Honoree

The Pike County Bar Association (PCBA) was honored by the Center for Developmental Disabilities of Pike County (CDD) with this year's Children's Champion Award "for sincere benevolence, dedication and advocacy for educational and therapeutic programs for children." The PCBA was honored on March 29 at the 15th annual "Chefs Do Dinner" annual event that benefits the CDD.

CDD holds a special place in the heart of the PCBA as the first organization it supported. The late attorney Jack Linshaw began the PCBA tradition of hosting an annual Christmas party for the CDD children. He would travel to law offices and collect a gift from each attorney or \$50 toward the CDD Christmas party fund.

Originally, 8-12 gifts were needed, but every year that passed set a new record. In 2012, attorney Tony Waldron and his wife, Debby, purchased and delivered 168 toys to CDD. For the last 20 years, the Waldron family has graciously carried on in Linshaw's footsteps by taking trips to the toy store involving at least eight overflowing shopping carts, numerous trucks and trips for transportation of the gifts to CDD and a lot of time and heart in selecting age- and skill-appropriate toys according to the suggested toy list provided by CDD.

Linshaw's legacy continues as the PCBA has provided CDD an annual donation of \$10,000 in December, an additional \$3,000 for annual Christmas gifts for the children at CDD, an additional \$12,000 in 2012 for construction of the "Art and Jane Ridley Outdoor Classroom," annual \$3,000 donation for executive chef sponsorship of the Chefs Do Dinner where all dinner tickets are donated back to CDD to give to CDD families along with other contributions. This year, as a tribute to Linshaw,

the PCBA will donate \$15,000 for the Jack G. Linshaw, Esquire, Infant Care Room at CDD along with Jack G. Linshaw Discovery Garden at CDD.

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'My Cousin Vinny' CLE

State and Pike County bar leaders gathered at the historic Hotel Fauchere in Milford on Friday, March 22, for an all-day Continuing Legal Education program "My Cousin Vinny." The movie and discussion centered on key points in the movie, including identification and mistaken identity, strategy in movie, application of Pennsylvania law, similarities and differences from movie and Pennsylvania law, attorney ethics regarding legal defense and prosecution and requirements to be approved as Pennsylvania capital defense attorneys.

PCBA Donates to Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program

The Pike County Bar Association recently donated \$5,000 to the Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program to assist the continuation of the adult literacy program. This donation helped WPALP meet the criteria of the 2012 Villaume Foundation grant of \$5,000 in matching funds. The vision of the Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program is to support adults in their endeavors to function as literate and contributing members of society.

PCBA presents check to Pike County Historical Society

The Pike County Bar Association presented a check for \$600 in February to the Pike County Historical Society. Kelle Hankins, president of the Pike County Historical Society, and Lori Streleki, museum di-

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rector, accepted the check on behalf of the museum.

Pike Bar President Elizabeth Erickson Kameen praised the Pike County Historical Society “for its contribution and preservation of vital historical information. The museum has shared fascinating historical facts with the bar association over the years and in fact, Lori Streleki, the museum director, has been a presenter at The Pike County Bar Association Live Continuing Legal Education programs, most notably, the anatomy of the Herman Schultz murder case. The constant revitalization of the museum with its ever changing events and fundraisers has kept interest alive as they strive to bring history to life. We are proud of their hard work.”

Schuylkill

Schuylkill County Bar Association targets distracted driving

The Schuylkill County Bar Association and its Young Lawyers Division recently partnered with the Schuylkill County Commissioners to declare the entire week of Feb. 18, 2013, as “Schuylkill County Distracted Driver Awareness Week.” The Schuylkill County Commissioners presented Bar Association President Sud Patel with a proclamation and applauded the association’s efforts to raise awareness about distracted driving.

As part of the proclamation ceremony, Patel was accompanied by local school

district superintendents, representatives from the Pennsylvania State Police, as well as representatives from the North Central Highway Safety Program. Patel recited several disturbing statistics about distracted driving accidents. YLD Co-chair Ryan Bates stated, “Distracted driving accidents involving younger drivers are increasing at an alarming and unacceptable rate. We plan on having our YLD members give presentations at all of our county high schools to further help raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving.”

Washington

Trivia contest

Washington County Bar Association members participated in the 11th annual Rotary Charity Trivia Contest on March 7. Teams played for the chance to win \$1,000 for their favorite charity. The eight-member senior bar team, “Lawyers Unchained,” played for the Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania and the eight-member Young Lawyers Division team, “Sui Juris,” played for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Neither team won the 33-team competition; however, due to a side bet, the YLD team, which placed 23rd, will be washing the cars of the senior bar team, which placed 10th.

Westmoreland

Nuremberg film event a huge success

On Wednesday, Jan. 9, more than 450 members of the public attended a Westmoreland Bar Association-

sponsored powerful evening of history as the critically acclaimed *Nuremberg: Its Lesson for Today* had its local premiere at the Seton Hill Performing Arts Center in Greensburg, more than 60 years after it was first filmed.

Filmmaker Stuart Schulberg’s daughter, Sandra Schulberg, who is responsible for painstakingly restoring the film with Josh Waletzky joined WBA members for a meet-and-greet at bar headquarters before the film and conducted a question-and-answer session at the film’s conclusion.

Tim’s Walk

WBA members will light the night in memory of one of the WBA’s finest, Tim McCormick, on Friday, April 19, by participating in Tim’s Walk at Twin Lakes Park, Greensburg, Pa. This is the first year for Tim’s Walk, an annual event to raise funds to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s mission: cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. McCormick, also known as “Mr. Greensburg,” lost his battle with blood cancer on June 17, 2012, at age 59. The walk will include a special memorial ceremony for those who — like the McCormick family — have lost, but not forgotten, someone to blood cancer. The Tim McCormick Memorial Research Fund has been established by Tim’s beloved family and friends so that others can win their battles with blood cancer. ■

Save the date!

Mark your calendars for the next Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives meeting.

Thursday, May 9

- 2 to 2:45 p.m. — PABE Meeting
 - 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. — Insurance Essentials program
 - 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. — CCLJ Meeting
 - 4:30 to 5 p.m. — Cocktails & Conversation
- Welcoming New Bar Execs and Those Retiring

Malpractice Avoidance Seminars scheduled

The PBA County Bar Services Department, the PBA Professional Liability Committee and USI Affinity, in cooperation with local bar associations, have scheduled spring malpractice avoidance seminars in the eastern part of the state. Those attending the seminars will receive a discount on their PBA-endorsed malpractice insurance through USI Affinity and up to 1.5 hours of CLE ethics credit. All seminars are presented live and include a CD-ROM of the presentation material.

Unless otherwise noted, register online at www.pabar.org/public/localbar/countybar.asp. If you have questions, contact Gabriele Miller-Wagner in the PBA County Bar Services Department at 800-932-0311, Ext. 2240.

The schedule follows:

BUCKS

April 16 at 9:45 a.m.
Bucks County Bar Association,
135 E. State St., Doylestown
To register, call 215-348-9413.

LANCASTER

April 17 at 12:30 p.m.
Lancaster Bar Association,
28 E. Orange St., Lancaster
To register, call 717-393-0737.

WAYNE/PIKE

April 23 at 9 a.m.
The Settlers Inn,
4 Main Ave., Hawley

SULLIVAN/WYOMING

April 24 at 3 p.m.
Shadowbrook Inn & Resort,
615 SR 6 East, Tunkhannock

LACKAWANNA

April 24 at 9 a.m.
The Colonnade,
401 Jefferson Ave., Scranton

SUSQUEHANNA

April 24 at 3 p.m.
Community Foundation of the
Endless Mountains,
270 Lake Ave, Montrose

LUZERNE

April 25 at 10 a.m.
The Westmoreland Club,
59 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre

UNION/SNYDER

April 29 at 2 p.m.
Lewisburg Hotel,
136 Market St., Lewisburg

TIOGA

April 30 at 9 a.m.
Mansfield University,
Memorial Hall, Room 211, Mansfield

LYCOMING

April 30 at 3 p.m.
Holiday Inn,
100 Pine St., Williamsport

COLUMBIA/MONTOUR

May 1 at 9 a.m.
Days Inn Danville Conference Center,
50 Sheraton Road, Exit 224 I-80 & SR54,
Danville

NORTHUMBERLAND

May 1 at 3 p.m.
Edison Hotel,
401 Market St., Sunbury

CARBON

May 2 at 10 a.m.
Inn at Jim Thorpe,
24 Broadway, Jim Thorpe

LEBANON

May 14 at 10 a.m.
Lebanon Country Club,
3375 West Oak St., Lebanon

NORTHAMPTON

May 16 at 1 p.m.
Best Western,
Routes 512 and 22, Bethlehem
To register, call 610-258-6333.

LEHIGH

May 17 at 10 a.m.
The Bar Association of Lehigh County,
1114 W. Walnut St., Allentown

CHESTER

May 22 at 9 a.m.
Chester County Bar Association,
15 W. Gay St., 2nd Floor, West Chester

DELAWARE

May 22 at 3 p.m.
Delaware County Bar Association,
335 W. Front St., Media

MONTGOMERY

May 23 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Montgomery Bar Association,
100 W. Airy St., Norristown

DAUPHIN

Aug. 2 at 11:30 a.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel,
23 S. Second St., Harrisburg
To register, call 717-232-7536. ■

Zone 1 & 9 Presidents' Dinner held in King of Prussia



The Zone 1 and 9 Presidents' Dinner took place on March 4 at Sullivan's Steakhouse in King of Prussia. Shown here are: (from left) Shelly Lawson of USI Affinity; Francis J. O'Rourke, PBA deputy executive director; Kim Denise "Deni" Morton, Chester County Bar Association president; Elizabeth A. Kramer, PBA Member Services director; Brian T. McGuffin, Bucks County Bar Association president; Herbert K. Sudfeld Jr., PBA Zone 9 governor; Paul C. Troy, Montgomery County Bar Association president; Thomas G. Wilkinson Jr., PBA president; William P. Fedullo, Philadelphia Bar Association chancellor-elect; Janis M. Leftridge, PBA diversity officer; and Lyn B. Schoenfeld, Delaware County Bar Association president.

Zone 3 Presidents' Dinner held in Hershey

The Zone 3 Presidents' Dinner took place on April 4 at Harvest at The Hotel Hershey. Shown here are: (front row, from left) Suzanne Smith, York County Bar Association president, and Janis M. Leftridge, PBA diversity officer; (second row, from left) Matthew J. Creme Jr., PBA immediate past president; Thomas G. Wilkinson Jr., PBA president; Francis J. O'Rourke, PBA deputy executive director; Donis H. Zagurskie, Juniata County Bar Association president; Barry M. Simpson, PBA executive director; (third row, from left) Nicole R. Antos, PBA County Bar Services director; James L. Goldsmith, PBA Zone 3 governor; Patricia L. Dunlevy, Lancaster Bar Association president; (back row, from left) Forest N. Myers, PBA president-elect; Robert P. Kline, Cumberland County Bar Association president; Elizabeth A. Kramer, PBA Member Services director; Joseph M. Farrell, Lebanon County Bar Association president; and Jonathan W. Kunkel, Dauphin County Bar Association president. Missing from the photo, but present for dinner, was Clinton T. Barkdoll, Franklin County Bar Association vice president.





PBA Bar Leadership Institute

The PBA Bar Leadership Institute provides **emerging leaders**, representing a broad cross-section of the **diversity of the PBA membership**, with an opportunity to **learn about the PBA** while actively participating in key meetings. Participation in the Bar Leadership Institute provides numerous opportunities to **network with PBA members and leadership** and helps **build lasting relationships** that will serve as an invaluable resource for future success.

The Bar Leadership Institute **looks to the future** of the organization by **developing well-informed, committed leaders** who will serve the PBA for many years to come. It familiarizes participants with the day-to-day operation of the association, provides a foundation on **governance and policy issues** and introduces the participants to PBA staff and resources.

If you know a young leader reach out and **encourage him or her** to apply.

If you are a young leader, **visit the PBA website** for details and to **complete an application**.



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Courses offered by the PBI

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Sentencing in Pennsylvania State Courts

May 1, Chambersburg, Doylestown, Erie, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Honesdale, Indiana, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, New Castle, Plymouth, Reading, Selingsgrove, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, York
12 to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.,
4 substantive/0 ethics

Assisted Reproductive Technology

May 2, Allentown, Doylestown, Wilkes-Barre
12 to 2 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.,
2 substantive/0 ethics

Internet Legal Marketing - Don't Leave Ethics Behind!

May 3, Allentown, Media, Norristown
12 to 2 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.,
1 substantive/1 ethics

The Strategic Negotiator

May 7, Allentown, Easton, Hollidaysburg, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, Montrose, Norristown, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, Wilkes-Barre, York
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
6 substantive/0 ethics

Mortgage Modification Program

May 9, Wilkes-Barre
12 to 2 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.,
2 substantive/0 ethics

Spring into Pro Bono Action

May 14, Doylestown, Plymouth Meeting, West Chester
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
5 substantive/1 ethics

Long Term Care Planning for Seniors

May 15, Doylestown, Greensburg, Media, Montrose, Reading, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.,
5 substantive/1 ethics

Evidence for Trial Lawyers

May 16, Allentown, Greensburg, Plymouth Meeting, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.,
6 substantive/0 ethics

Parenting Coordination

May 21, Media
9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
6 substantive/0 ethics

11th Annual Nonprofit Institute

May 22, Allentown, Greensburg, Medial Washington, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre
9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
5 substantive/1 ethics

Equine Law

May 29, Malvern
10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; check-in at 9:30 a.m., 3 substantive/1 ethics

Use of Trusts as Building Blocks for Your Client's Estate Plan and Basic Trusts & Sophisticated Trusts

June 6, Allentown, Butler, Chambersburg, Hollidaysburg, Honesdale, Indiana, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Mill Hall, New Castle, Plymouth Meeting, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport
8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.,
7 substantive/0 ethics

Municipal Law Colloquium, 2013

June 7-8, Lancaster
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.,
9 substantive/1 ethics

Family Lawyer's Discovery Toolkit

June 13, Doylestown, Easton, Greensburg, Media, Montrose, Norristown, Reading, 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

How to Prepare the Pennsylvania Inheritance Tax Return

June 19, Allentown, Erie, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield Meadville, Mill Hall, New Castle, Morristown, Plymouth Meeting, Reading, Selingsgrove, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, Wilkes-Barre, York
8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.,
5 substantive/0 ethics

Basics of Employment Law

June 20, Doylestown, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, New Castle, Plymouth Meeting, Reading, Selingsgrove, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, Wilkes-Barre, York
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
6 substantive/0 ethics

The Basics of Litigation Involving State and Local Government

June 25, Allentown, Erie, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, New Castle, Norristown, Plymouth Meeting, Selingsgrove, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York
12 to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.,
4 substantive/0 ethics

Estate Planning for Interests in Mineral Rights

June 25, Williamsport
9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
4 substantive/0 ethics

General Practitioners' Update 2013

June 26, Allentown, Beaver, Doylestown, Erie, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Honesdale, Indiana, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Media, Montrose, New Castle, Plymouth Meeting, Reading, Selingsgrove, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, Washington, Wilkes-Barre, York
8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.,
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Anatomy of a “Superstar” Deposition

July 17, Allentown, Easton, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Plymouth Meeting, Selinsgrove, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre

8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.,
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Drafting to Avoid or Win Litigation and Litigating Breach of Contract Actions

July 18, Plymouth Meeting, Wilkes-Barre

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

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

July 25, Easton, Erie, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Honesdale, Indiana, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, New Castle, Plymouth Meeting, Reading, Selinsgrove, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Williamsport, York

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

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July 29, Butler, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, New Castle, Reading Selinsgrove, Uniontown, Warren, Washington, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport

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