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Aug. 1 Deadline for County Bar Participation in Statewide Public Education Campaign on Educational Rights

County bar associations are invited to partner with the Pennsylvania Bar Association during October 2014 for a statewide public education campaign about protecting the education rights of children.

The campaign, which is free to all county bar associations, will address the special education rights for children with mental or physical problems that hinder their development and for children with outstanding intellectual and creative abilities.

The campaign is modeled after successful previous statewide initiatives on reporting child abuse, credit rights, identity theft, wills, real estate, child support and elder law.

The campaign is slated to run Oct. 6 through Oct. 19, beginning with a news conference in the state Capitol. Through a partnership with the Pennsylvania News-Media Association, advertisements will be placed in newspapers throughout the state during the campaign and a toll-free hotline will be available for citizens to request free brochures, one titled "Education Rights for Students with Disabilities" and one titled "Education Rights for Mentally Gifted Students." The brochures also will be available for downloading free from the PBA website at www.pabar.org

Participating county bar associations will be encouraged to hold events throughout the two-week period as part

of the campaign. County bar associations can voluntarily support the program through public presentations and other efforts. The PBA will provide a booklet of ideas for organizing an education event and generating media interest.

The effort is being conducted under the direction of the PBA Community and Public Relations Committee and is being funded by the PBA and a grant from the Pennsylvania Bar Trust Fund.

County bar associations interested in participating in the statewide campaign are encouraged to contact PBA Communications Manager Jeff Gingerich at 800-932-0311, ext. 2216, or jeff.gingerich@pabar.org by Aug. 1.

PBA to Launch Casemaker, Free Online Legal Research Tool for PBA Members, on Aug. 1

Beginning Aug. 1, PBA members will gain access to Casemaker as their free-with-membership online legal research tool. Casemaker, a national leader in legal research, will replace the current InCite program.

"A team of PBA members assisted us with a review of Casemaker and rated it highly for its comprehensive libraries and easy-to-use suite of research tools," said Francis X. O'Connor, PBA president. "Casemaker also offers several additional excellent benefits such as the CiteCheck feature that

provides reports on whether case citations continue to be good law."



Not only can Casemaker assist solo and small firms and government entities, it can also meet the needs of Pennsylvania's large law firms.

The PBA has posted a link to a series of helpful video tutorials on the PBA website homepage to help familiarize members

with Casemaker.

With the move to Casemaker, the PBA joins a consortium of 24 other state bar associations and two major metropolitan bar associations who offer this robust legal online research benefit to members.

PBA members should not be misled if contacted by any vendor claiming that the PBA is discontinuing its free-legal-research benefit. Members will continue to receive this valuable member benefit with Casemaker.

Butler County 'Credit Crunch Collaborative' Program Honored by Pennsylvania Bar Foundation

The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation presented its 2014 Louis J. Goffman Award to volunteers of the Butler County Consumer Credit/Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program, also known as the "Credit Crunch Collaborative" during the PBA Annual Meeting in Hershey on May 15. Butler County Judge Marilyn N. Horan, who has overseen development and implementation of the program, accepted the award.

The Goffman award is named for a late PBA president and recognizes individuals and organizations committed to pro bono support and service.

Since 2010, defendants involved in the Butler County program are offered free education seminars, credit counseling, legal counsel, communications with lenders and guidance on how to apply for appropriate loan modifications and work-out arrangements to prevent foreclosure and consumer-credit judgments. Many of the defendants in mortgage foreclosure cases have lost jobs, experienced reductions in income or suffered major life events that have interrupted their ability to meet their financial obligations. Last year alone, more than 60 county residents avoided losing their homes to foreclosure thanks to modification of loans, refinancing, deferment or other steps.



Butler County Judge Marilyn N. Horan (second from right) accepted the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation (PBF) Goffman Award on behalf of volunteers for the Butler County Consumer Credit/Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program. She is joined by (from left) then-PBA President Forest N. Myers, PBF Zone 10 Director Marion Laffey-Ferry and then-PBF President Grace R. Schuyler

The program is a collaborative effort that includes volunteers from the following agencies and organizations: Butler County Bar Association, Butler County Communi-

ty College, Center for Community Resources, Housing Authority of Butler County, Neighborhood Legal Services Association and United Way of Butler County.

PBA Bar Leadership Institute Class Selected

PBA President Francis X. O'Connor has named 11 Pennsylvania lawyers to the 2014-15 class of the association's Bar Leadership Institute (BLI).

The BLI helps prepare young lawyers for future leadership opportunities within the state's largest bar association.

"Lawyers selected for the Institute get an inside look at the day-to-day operations of the association, its governance, its resources for members and the roles of staff," said O'Connor. "Each participant is required to attend a variety of PBA meetings and events and is paired with a mem-

ber of the PBA Board of Governors who serves as mentor to the participant during the year-long program."

The following lawyers have been named as participants in the 2014-15 BLI class:

Allegheny County

Samuel I. Yamron, Law Office of Samuel I. Yamron, Pittsburgh

Beaver County

Sherri R. Hurst, Bowers and Fawcett LLC, Ambridge

Centre County

Kathryn L. Urbanowicz, Centre County Public Defender's Office, Bellefonte

Dauphin County

Elizabeth R. Triscari, Pennsylvania Office of Small Business Advocate, Harrisburg

Delaware County

Kristina M. DeSenze, Berman & Asbel LLP, Media

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PBA YLD Summer Meeting/New Admittee Conference to Take Place Aug. 1-3 in State College

The PBA Young Lawyers Division's 2014 Summer Meeting/New Admittee Conference is slated for Aug. 1-3 at Toftrees Resort in State College. Attendees can earn up to six hours of CLE credit, including one hour of ethics.

The conference schedule, as available at press time, appears below. Those who wish to attend can download the registration form from the PBA website at www.pabar.org. The registration deadline is July 25. For more information call the PBA Member Services Center at 800-932-0311.

Friday, Aug. 1

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Business Meeting

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

4:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Perspective from the Bench: Expert Witnesses (Everybody Has an Opinion)

Evidence is the key to every case, and some cases depend almost entirely on expert opinion, so you better make sure the evidence is admissible. Learn from an experienced trial judge as he provides tips on how to avoid common pitfalls in the handling of expert witnesses at trial.

1 hour substantive CLE credit

6 – 7 p.m.

Cocktail Hour

7 – 9 p.m.

Dinner

Opening remarks from YLD Chair Lars Anderson and PBA President Francis X. O'Connor

Featured guest speaker: Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Correale F. Stevens

9 – 11 p.m.

Reception

Saturday, Aug. 2

Breakfast on your own

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Practice and Procedure Before Pennsylvania Administrative Courts

This session will focus on the procedural aspects of administrative hearings in Pennsylvania. Attendees will learn what to expect when appearing before an administrative hearing officer, how to act, candor to the tribunal, what the governing procedural rules are and how to find those rules.

1 hour substantive CLE credit

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Why Should I Care About E-Discovery and Social Media?

Speakers will discuss the implications of e-discovery on your practice, how to handle cost issues with opposing counsel and evidentiary issues. Discover how to use social media to get clients in the door, to get the information for that killer cross-examination and how to compel discovery of social media.

1 hour substantive CLE credit

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Paths to Leadership

The PBA Leadership Recruitment and Development Committee conducts this program for attendees who are interested in learning more about the PBA and how to become more involved. Learn about the opportunities for relationship-building in the PBA, the governance structure of the PBA, what leadership positions are available and how to become a leader in the PBA. If you want to learn more about the PBA and its various leadership opportunities, you should plan to attend this program.

1 hour substantive CLE credit

11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Lunch

12:45 p.m.

Golf Outing

1 – 2 p.m.

Insurance Concerns for Lawyers

This session will offer attendees a primer on various insurance products, what they cover, the types of coverage available and the pitfalls a lawyer may need to know when advising a client, either in preparation for life or in consideration of litigation.

1 hour substantive CLE credit

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Mock Trial

This session will focus on the law-related and civic benefits of participating in the PBA YLD-sponsored Statewide High School Mock Trial Competition. Discussions will focus on how to get involved, from coaching a team to serving as a juror, and the real-life, practical and professional skills that a young lawyer will need when teaching students how to analyze and present the problem. Presenters will discuss their experiences as coaches, jurors and judges as well as how those experiences have helped them be better practitioners.

1 hour ethics CLE credit

3:15 – 6 p.m.

Break

6 – 7 p.m.

Cocktail Hour

7 – 9 p.m.

Dinner

Featuring guest speaker Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice J. Michael Eakin on "The Year in Review"

9 – 11 p.m.

Reception

Sunday, Aug. 3

Departure

Celebrate the Constitution – Sept. 17

County bar associations can help the PBA celebrate the signing of the U.S. Constitution by educating students about their rights and responsibilities. Copies of the Constitution and a book mark with the Constitution's preamble (pictured at right) are available to county

bar associations and PBA members at no cost. To request these items or other law-related education resources, contact Susan Etter, PBA education/special projects coordinator, at 800-932-0311, ext. 2256, or susan.etter@pabar.org.



IOLTA Launches 'I Bank on Justice' Campaign

The Pennsylvania IOLTA Board has launched its "I Bank on Justice" Campaign in conjunction with its new website. The "I Bank on Justice" Campaign recognizes lawyers and law firms maintaining an IOLTA account at a Platinum Leader Bank.

Even in these times of very low interest rates, the Platinum Leader Banks listed here have demonstrated a strong commitment to the success of IOLTA's mission, surpassing eligibility requirements by paying 1 percent, a premium yield, on IOLTA accounts. This means more funding for legal aid and pro bono programs.

The Pennsylvania IOLTA Board encourages attorneys and firms to patronize Platinum Leader Banks.

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For a complete list of eligible banks, visit www.paiolta.org.

We the People of the United States,
in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

U.S. Constitution Preamble
September 17, 1787

Mark your calendars!

NABE/ABA Annual Meeting
Aug. 7-12
Boston, Mass.

Mid-Atlantic Bar Conference
Oct. 1-3
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa,
Atlantic City, N.J.

PBA Committee/Section Day
Nov. 20
Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg

BLI 2014-15 Class

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This year's BLI co-chairs are Kathy M. Manderino, Intercommunity Action Inc., Philadelphia, and Charles Eppolito III, White and Williams LLP, Philadelphia. Both Manderino and Eppolito have served in a number of PBA leadership roles, including terms as chair of the PBA House of Delegates.

The BLI class size was limited to 11 lawyers. To apply, candidates had to demonstrate leadership ability, commit to attendance and participation in the required events, be currently licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, be a PBA member and be age 38 years or younger or have practiced five years or less.

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

To learn more about the BLI, contact Susan Etter, PBA education/special projects coordinator, at 800-932-0311, ext. 2256, or susan.etter@pabar.org.

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On the *Local Scene...*

Allegheny

New Assistant Executive Director

Diane K. McMillen has joined the Allegheny County Bar Association and the Allegheny County Bar Foundation as assistant executive director. She will oversee finance and operations of both organizations. McMillen, a certified public accountant, brings more than 25 years of experience to the ACBA and ACBF.

Bradford

Law Day Movie Event

The Bradford County Bar Association (BCBA) observed Law Day by sponsoring a showing of “Kids for Cash,” the documentary film about the Luzerne County Juvenile Court scandal, at the Keystone Theater in Towanda. BCBA President Daniel J. Barrett authored an op-ed column about the event for a local publication.

Chester

Legal Lemonade Day

The Chester County Bar Association’s (CCBA) 4th Annual Legal Lemonade Day helped to raise more than \$3,000 for Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF), which helps fund childhood-cancer research. With the help of law firms Fox Rothschild, Gawthrop Greenwood and Lamb McErlane, the association encouraged members to come out and enjoy



Pictured at the Chester County Bar Association’s Alex’s Lemonade Stand are (from left) Patrick Gallo, Lindsay Dunn, Stephanie Gibbs, Cara Cassidy of ALSF and CCBA YLD Chair A.J. Ober

some fresh lemonade while raising money for this great cause. A representative from ALSF was on hand for support and to provide information about the foundation. The CCBA Young Lawyers Division (YLD) and staff helped to run the stand.

Commonwealth Court Visit

On, June 19, the Chester County Bar Association and the Chester County Court of Common Pleas welcomed the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court for a two-day visit. A judges panel presented a one-hour CLE titled “Harm Caused by Access to Court Records — An Attorney’s Ethical Obligations.” The CLE session was followed by a reception for members and judges. On the following day, the CCBA YLD hosted a breakfast prior to the court’s Special Session, which included nine cases from surrounding counties.

Cumberland

Law Day Events

Members of the Cumberland County Bar Association (CCBA) used the 2014 Law Day theme, “American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters,” in their presentations to 750 middle school students on whether voting is a right or a privilege, and on past and present obstacles to voting.

The CCBA also participated in a community-based Law Day event at the Penn State Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle Campus, on April 21. Panelists included representatives from the Carlisle Area League of Women Voters, the Department of Political Science at Dickinson College and the county Office of Elections and Voter Registration. The panelists discussed portions of the documentary “Electoral Dysfunction” and the history of voting in Cumberland County, the commonwealth and the nation. A question-and-answer session provided audience members with the opportunity to have their voting concerns addressed by the panelists. Issues such as the Pennsylvania Voter ID Law continue to take center stage in discussions on elections and voter rights.

Dauphin

Recognition for Pro Bono Guardian Monitors

Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas President Judge Todd A. Hoover recently hosted a courthouse breakfast to thank the county’s pro bono guardian monitors for their dedication and service. The monitors serve as “eyes and ears” for the Orphans’ Court to assure that incapacitated persons with a court-appointed guardian are not physically or financially mistreated. Judge Hoover shared that the program, which began in 2007 with 26 monitors, has grown to 70 monitors. He noted that the monitors save Dauphin County taxpayers thousands of dollars each year (Some counties use paid staff to monitor guardianships).

Hoover reported that recently, when reviewing a ward’s checkbook, a monitor uncovered a guardian’s possible misuse of the ward’s funds. The monitor reported the situation to the court, the court followed-up and a new guardian was appointed.

Monitor Pat Zucker described how she helps a 22 year-old man who suffers from severe intellectual and developmental disabilities and is non-verbal. Pat visits him at a residential private school that offers therapeutic resources and support, as he requires constant care. The man is the eldest of five children and for 17 years his family lovingly cared for him at home. They are frequent visitors to the school. Pat expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve this amazing family.

The Dauphin County pro bono guardian monitor program welcomes new volunteer attorneys and paralegals. The court provides monitors with an introductory DVD, interview checklists, step-by-step instructions and other resources. Monitors are assigned two cases each. Once a year, the assigned monitor visits the guardian and ward, reviews financial records and reports back to the court. Participating attorneys continue to monitor their assigned cases until otherwise notified, perhaps for years. For more infor-

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mation, contact Court Administrator Deb Freeman at 717-780-6630 or dfreeman@dauphinc.org.

Erie Law Day



Participating in Erie County Bar Association Law Day activities were (from left) Law Day Chair Michael A. Fetzner, columnist Matthew Dowd and ECBA President Edwin W. Smith

The Erie County Bar Association (ECBA) celebrated its annual Law Day luncheon with keynote speaker and nationally known analyst Matthew Dowd. Dowd presented “Reflections on an Evolving Nation: Fundamental Shifts in America’s Politics, Economics, Laws, Concepts, of Privacy, and Their Effect Upon our Lives.” Then-PBA President Forest N. Myers provided his message on the significance of Law Day to the over 530 in attendance. One of the largest groups of students (who came from nine local high schools and four area colleges) in local Law Day history enjoyed a special “Students and Teachers Program” with Dowd prior to the luncheon. Ed Mead received the 2014 Liberty Bell Award, John B. Enders received the Pro-Bono Award and James F. Toohey received the 2014 Chancellor of the Bar Award.

First ‘Wills for Heroes’ Program in Northwest Pa.

The ECBA partnered with Gannon University to offer a “Wills for Heroes” program on Saturday, April 12. “Wills for Heroes” provides free wills, living wills, health care and financial powers of attorney to area first responders and their spouses/partners. Students from Gannon University’s Legal Studies Department assisted with clerical support and served as notary witnesses. Event organizer Melissa H. Shirey noted, “Volunteer attorneys from the ECBA [] are very supportive of the ‘Wills for Heroes’ program and its goal of ensuring that first responders have a will and other important estate documents prepared. We recognize the commitment that they make to our community every day, with great personal risk and sacrifice. By helping first responders plan now, the bar association hopes to help protect those who protect us.”

Law Day 5K

April 26 brought crisp air, spring sun and over 200 runners for the ECBA’s Annual Law Day 5K. The race raised more than \$12,000 for the Erie County Bar Association’s Attorneys & Kids Together Program, which supports the educational needs of homeless students, and the Runners Club Scholarship Fund.



‘Teach A Geezer’ Event

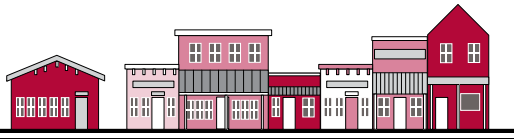
On March 20, the ECBA Young Lawyers Division and the Technology Committee held its first “Teach A Geezer” Event, which provided an opportunity for attorneys of all ages to meet and mingle while learning about new technology and devices that can help them professionally, including laptops, iPads and smartphones.

Lackawanna Annual Interfaith Service

More than 100 members of the Lackawanna Bar Association (LBA) attended the LBA’s 7th Annual Interfaith Service and luncheon. Members of various faith communities, the judiciary and the bar association delivered remarks, prayers and scripture readings. The service focused on the 2014 Law Day theme, “American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters.” The keynote address was delivered by Lackawanna County Assistant District Attorney William J. Fisher, who received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his address. Robert Sheils Jr. paid tribute to his late daughter-in-law and former Interfaith Service co-chair, Sheila Flanagan-Sheils, who died last year at the age of 36.

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Participants in the Lackawanna Bar Association Interfaith Day included (seated, from left) Robert P. Sheils Jr., YLD Chair Kelly Lenahan, William J. Fisher; LBA Executive Director Lee Ann Munley, Rev. Tawan Bailey; (standing, from left) Rev. Jeffrey Tudgay, Mary Theresa Gardier Paterson; LBA President Malcolm L. MacGregor, Judge Terrence R. Nealon, Frank J. Bolock, Rabbi Moshe Saks, Richard S. Bishop and Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki



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Pictured at the Lackawanna Bar Association's "Learning From D-Day: Lessons for Lawyers" CLE (front row, from left) Everhart Museum curator Nezka Pfeifer, Leah Kane of Exhibit A, LBA Executive Director Lee Ann Munley; (back row, from left) attorneys Patrick Walsh, John Krisa, Fran Sempa, Malcolm MacGregor and LBA President Paul Keeler

'Learning From D-Day: Lessons for Lawyers'

On June 6, the 70th Anniversary of D-Day, the LBA partnered with the Everhart Museum in Scranton to present "Learning From D-Day: Lessons for Lawyers." The one-credit CLE seminar took place during a guided tour of the exhibit, "D-Day 1944: Accept Nothing Less Than Full Victory!" The exhibit featured historical collections and photographs, as well as historical artifacts from regional leaders. More than 50 lawyers moved through three areas of the gallery where the focus included "Preparation," "Invasion" and "Aftermath." Attendees used iPads to view photographs, telegrams and historical memorabilia owned by members of the bar association. The use of technology demonstrated the planning resources used today and compared them to the two-year planning period and execution of the D-Day invasion. Local attorneys participated in the presentation, sharing as

historians and family members of the men and women who served and those who supported the war effort from home. The following county attorneys served as presenters: author and historian Fran Sempa, World War II memorabilia enthusiast John Krisa, Paul Keeler, Marion Munley and Patrick Walsh. LBA President Malcolm MacGregor served as moderator. The tour and seminar were planned by LBA executive director Lee Ann Munley and Leah Kane of Exhibit A.

Luzerne

Law Day Ceremony and Essay Contest

Five new attorneys were admitted to practice in the Lebanon County Court of Common Pleas during the annual Lebanon County Bar Association (LCBA) Law Day and Naturalization Ceremony. Two students, one elementary- and one high-school-age, received awards for their essays based on the 2014 Law Day theme.

Community Projects

LCBA attorneys "adopted" a section of U.S. Route 322 in Lebanon County for the Adopt-A-Highway program, and volunteered for a booth at the Lebanon Street Fair, which benefits the Good Samaritan Hospital.

50-Year Members

At a recent dinner, four LCBA attorneys were honored for their 50 years of membership in the association. Each received a certificate signed by members who attended the dinner.

Luzerne

Mortgage Foreclosure Diversionary CLE Program

The Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association (the bar association of Luzerne County/WB-LLA) recently held a CLE program at the Luzerne County Courthouse that was presented by Luzerne County Judge Lesa S. Gelb and participating volunteers of the County's Mortgage Foreclosure Diversionary Program, which was adopted by the court to help save the homes of financially overwhelmed mortgage borrowers. Although the bar association has been an approved CLE provider since the 1990s and has been hosting programs for close to two decades, 63 lawyers attended this program, breaking all association attendance records for CLEs.

CLE with National Park Service

The Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association (the bar association of Luzerne County/WB-LLA), the Lackawanna Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association Middle District of Pennsylvania Chapter and the 3rd Circuit Bar Association partnered with the National Park Service for a CLE program at the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton. The program, "The Ashley Special — The Train that Changed the Common Law" was held as a Lackawanna Valley Heritage Authority Roundtable project, and was open to high

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Law Day Dinner

PBA President Francis X. O'Connor attended the recent Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association Law Day gala. O'Connor is the first PBA president from northeastern Pennsylvania since Arthur L. Piccone in 1995-96. Pictured at the dinner are (from left) PBA Treasurer David E. Schwager, PBA President Francis X. O'Connor, WB-LLA President Elaine Cook, PBA YLD Chair Lars H. Anderson and Art Piccone, a past PBA and WB-LLA president

schools from Northeastern Pennsylvania as well as to members of the general public as PLE — public legal education.

Public legal education is being piloted by Orange Justice: a Technology, Education & the Arts Initiative and the Law Blue — Legal Excellence Education Program Inc. through the Pennsylvania Department of Education, in partnership with Northeastern Education Intermediate Unit 19 and Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18.

The program featured as its principal presenters, lawyer and U.S. Congressman Matthew A. Cartwright and Judge Thomas I. Vanaskie of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Other presenters and program planners included Attorney Joseph F. Cimini, University of Scranton associate professor and a trustee and past president of the Lackawanna Historical Society; R. Patrick McKnight, a historian with the National Park Service at the Steamtown National Historic Site, and Robert T. Gownley Jr., past president of the LBA and the nephew of one of the attorneys who were involved in the famous U.S. Supreme

Court case *Erie Railroad Co. v. Tompkins*, which involved the famous Pennsylvania train “The Ashley Special.” Educational materials for the program were donated by Thomson Reuters and its West Academic Publishing division.

Lycoming

It was a busy spring for the Lycoming Law Association (LLA). The LLA offices moved to a larger space, where they are now able to offer state-of-the-art technology and CLE training for up to 45 persons. The Pennsylvania Bar Association brought its Avoiding Legal Malpractice Seminar to the new facilities this year and the response was terrific.

Executive Director Jessica Engel celebrated 10 years with the association and was recognized at the open house held to show off the new offices.

LLA President Thomas Waffenschmidt, who has practiced in Williamsport for 24 years, took the oath to become a U.S. citizen. Tom also served as keynote speaker at the naturalization ceremony.

The LLA held its annual Law Day Essay and Art Event on May 2, with outstanding entries by local students from K-12, and Mock Trial awards were also presented. Skip Greevy, winner of the LLA's 3rd Annual William E. Nichols Community Service Award, designated the beneficiaries of his monetary prize at Law Day to four local charities.

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Lycoming Law Association President Thomas Waffenschmidt (center) is joined by his wife Valerie Doebler and Judge Matthew Brann, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, following Waffenschmidt's taking the oath of U.S. citizenship.



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Monroe

Support for Legal Services

On May 21, members of the Monroe County Bar Association (MCBA) voted to provide North Penn Legal Services (NPLS) with a donation of nearly \$80,000. Legal aid agencies across the state have continued to see diminishing income over the past years, largely due to a reduction in IOLTA grants. IOLTA grants are a major funding source for the nonprofit legal aid agencies in the state and they are funded by interest earned on lawyers IOLTA accounts. Unfortunately, the current low-interest rates on these accounts have resulted in smaller grants to fund the legal aid agencies. NPLS, the local legal aid agency that supports the county is going into their next fiscal year with a budget deficit of more than \$80,000. This donation will fund a full-time staff attorney and a part-time support-staff person for one year.

David Trevaskis, PBA pro-bono coordinator remarked, "This is the largest gift from a bar this size to North Penn and highlights the partnership between the local bar and the local legal aid provider, a partnership that is at the heart of the PBA model pro bono initiative."

The MCBA and North Penn Legal Services have a long-standing relationship. Monroe County has had an NPLS office for more than 25 years and the MCBA has been working with them formally for more than 10 years, ever since the MCBA instituted its first pro bono lawyer referral program. Vicki Coyle, NPLS executive director, said, "The Monroe County Bar Association has put its money firmly behind its values. North Penn Legal Services has been proud to work with the [a]ssociation over the years in the development of a pro bono referral program. The MCBA shows a strong commitment to our clients, who are those denied access to justice due to poverty, or vulnerabilities such as lack of education, language access or disabilities. As our funding continues to decrease and we face deficit budgets year



Members of the Monroe County Bar Association gather for the presentation of a PBA Pro Bono Award to Kevin Hardy

after year, meaningful donations such as these reaffirm to my staff that their work is valued. I am most grateful."

In addition to the financial contribution to NPLS, the members of the MCBA are stepping up their individual efforts to provide pro bono services through the NPLS' formal Pro Bono Referral Program. Since the program's inception, the association has encouraged members to take on cases in their respective legal practice areas. With the additional funding, NPLS will be able to devote time to grow the referral program, thereby helping more community members.

Members of the Monroe County Bar Association joined in the celebration as David Trevaskis, PBA pro bono coordinator, presented Kevin Hardy with a PBA Pro Bono award at the May 21 member meeting. Hardy has been an active member of the association's Pro Bono Committee, participating at the committee level and working closely with NPLS, taking on many cases through the formal referral program and supporting the MCBA initiative to provide financial support to NPLS.

Montgomery

Young Lawyers Month of Service

Officers and volunteers from the Mont-

gomery Bar Association's (MBA) Young Lawyers Section (YLS) rolled up their sleeves to serve Saturday morning breakfast to nearly 150 people at the Grace and Cecil Bean Soup Kitchen in Norristown each week during the month of May. Those unable to volunteer time were asked to donate gift cards to food stores. YLS Chair William G. Roark indicated that he hopes to see the section's inaugural "Month of Service" initiative blossom into an annual tradition. This year's soup-kitchen campaign is just one of several community-outreach projects spearheaded by the MBA YLS. Other projects included a Martin Luther King Day "Extreme Home Makeover," held in conjunction with the Souderton-based Keystone Opportunity Center; hosting the High School Mock Trial Competitions; volunteering for the MBA's award-winning Courting Art program and participating in "Wills for Heroes" events.

Tioga

Law Day Celebration

The Tioga County Bar Association invited students from area high school mock trial teams and their coaches, faculty advisors and other supporters to join the members

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of the bar in a Law Day celebration at the Tioga County Courthouse. The events included acknowledgement of the significant efforts put forth by all of the students, and an induction ceremony for the newest member of the Tioga County Bar Association, Ashley Nichols, who is a law clerk for Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Sallie Updyke Mundy.

York

Presidents' Breakfast

The York County Bar Association/York County Bar Foundation (YCBA/YCBF) held its second annual Presidents' Breakfast on May 13. Former and current bar association and foundation board presidents gathered for an update on the organization's operations and to provide input on future plans.



Pictured at the York County Bar Association/York County Bar Foundation Presidents' Breakfast are (seated, from left) Barbara Sardella, Suzanne S. Smith, Judge Joseph C. Adams, Suzanne H. Griest, Barbara O. Stump and Carolyn E. Steinhauser; (middle row) Leo E. Gribbin Jr., J. Ross McGinnis, Lawrence V. Young, Thomas D. O'Shea, William C. Gierasch Jr. and Judge John C. Uhler; (back row) Gary M. Gilbert, Stephen F. Feldmann, R. Elliot Katherman, John J. Shorb, Charles A. Rausch, Andrew J. Miller, Thomas M. Shorb and J. Robert Katherman

Law Mentoring Program

The YCBF, in conjunction with the York County Alliance for Learning, sponsored a law mentoring program for high school juniors and seniors. Walt Tilley and Leigh Dalton created and led the program for 20 students from nine school districts. The closing program on May 15 was a mock trial with the Judge Thomas H. Kelley VI of the York County Court of Common Pleas presiding, and parents and guests serving as jurors. The mock trial was based on an actual murder case tried in England in the 1930s. The outcome of the actual case was revealed to the students after the mock trial jury rendered its "verdict." In earlier sessions, the students learned to write a will, form a business, negotiate a real estate contract and do legal research.

Pro Bono Coordinator

Laura L. Smith has joined the YCBA/YCBF as pro bono coordinator. She will be responsible for developing and managing a range of volunteer projects, recruiting and supervising legal volunteers, directing the placement of pro bono cases, devel-



Smith

oping pro bono recruitment and training materials and developing partnership opportunities. Smith, who has been involved in the York County legal and non-profit communities since returning to the area as a legal practitioner in 2008, was recently nominated for a PBA Pro Bono Award and was a recipient of the YCBA's 2012 Outstanding Member Award and YCBF's 2012 Pro Bono Service Award.

Law Day Celebration

Nearly 170 people attended the YCBA/YCBF's 2014 Law Day luncheon on May 1. Highlights of the event included featured speaker Pedro A. Cortés, former secretary of the Commonwealth; the presentation of the Liberty Bell Award; announcement of the winners of the essay and bumper-sticker contests and presentation of awards to the Mock Trial first- and second-place teams. The luncheon and programs were organized by a committee of the YCBF, co-chaired by Jennifer A. Galloway and Devon M. Myers. Robert J. Woods, executive director of the United Way of York County and last year's recipient, presented the Liberty Bell Award to Delaine Toerper.



August CLE Calendar

Allentown

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Beaver

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Butler

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Chambersburg

- Aug. 19 Pennsylvania Civil Practice and Procedure

Doylestown

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Easton

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Erie

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Greensburg

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Hollidaysburg

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Honesdale

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Indiana

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Johnstown

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Mill Hall

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Montrose

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Stroudsburg

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Warren

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West Chester

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Wilkes-Barre

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Williamsport

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