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## Chester Co. students help PBA select theme celebrating Constitution's 225th anniversary

**S**tudents at the Downingtown Area School District's Pickering Valley Elementary won this year's PBA Law Day video contest. They produced "Dream Big ... as the Constitution Allows YOU," which highlights the rights and freedoms that allow Americans to fulfill their dreams. Watch the [video](#).

Following a class pizza party, the students were asked to help pick the theme for upcoming PBA law-related education programs to mark the U.S. Constitution's 225th anniversary. After great discussion, the students decided that the title of their video should be used for statewide programming. The "Dream Big ... as the Constitution Allows YOU" theme will begin to be used by the PBA in September for its "Celebrate the Constitution" activities.

The Law Related Education Committee is responsible for PBA Law Day and "Celebrate the Constitution" programming. The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation provides funding support for the PBA's law-related education programs. ■



*Pickering Valley Elementary students are pictured above with their teacher Audrey Blust, school principal Joe Fernandes and Susan Etter, PBA education/special projects coordinator.*

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## YLD Summer Meeting/New Admittee Conference scheduled for July 27-29

The PBA Young Lawyers Division's 2012 Summer Meeting/New Admittee Conference is slated for July 27-29 at Rocky Gap Lodge & Golf Resort in Cumberland, Md. Attendees can earn up to three CLE credits while learning important skills to increase their productivity and professional value.

Nestled in the foothills of Rocky Gap

State Park and overlooking Lake Habeeb, Rocky Gap Lodge & Golf Resort is a relaxing paradise with activities for everyone. You'll find a host of services and amenities, including deluxe accommodations, two on-site restaurants, a heated indoor swimming pool and acres of hiking, biking and horseback-riding trails — all just outside your door.

Golfing enthusiasts can enjoy the only Jack Nicklaus signature golf course in the state of Maryland. Golfers of all skill levels will enjoy the challenges this 7,000-yard mountain course provides. The YLD's annual golf tournament will be held on Saturday, July 28, starting at 2 p.m.

For more information on Rocky Gap

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Lodge & Golf Resort or to make room reservations, call the resort at 800-724-0828 or (301) 784-8400. The PBA Young Lawyers Group hotel registration deadline was July 3, but there is still time to register for the conference. The meeting registration deadline is July 23.

Download the meeting brochure [here](#) or call 800-932-0311, Ext. 2223, for more information.

The meeting agenda appears below.

## Friday, July 27

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

### YLD Business Meeting

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

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

### “Wills for Heroes” Training

Learn how to put together a “Wills for Heroes” event in your county. A certified coordinator will walk you through the process from beginning to end. Training includes a refresher session on wills, instruction on the HotDocs computer program used by “Wills for Heroes,” a demonstration on how to set up events using the PBA website and a review session on “Wills for Heroes” policies and forms.

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

### The Lawyer's Transition to Political Service

A panel of distinguished speakers will discuss why they decided to run for political office and the path that lead them there. Panelists will discuss their experiences in the legal profession and how the skills they developed as lawyers help them in their political careers. Discussions will focus on why more attorneys should seek political office and how an attorney can transition from practicing law to having a successful political career.

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

### Social Media: Part of Today's Client Development and Retention Toolkit

Blogging, websites, search engine optimization, Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook and more, all demystified! Whether your networking is conducted through face-to-face communication, mail, public appearances, volunteerism or Internet-based media, including the new social networking tools, you must be vigilant regarding the boundaries that apply as defined by the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct. This session will help you expand your repertoire of networking and communications skills in an ethically compliant manner.



6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

### Cocktail Hour/Zone Mingle

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### Dinner

Opening remarks will be given by YLD Chair Jacob Gurwitz and YLD Chair-Elect Robert Datorre. The guest speaker will be Duquesne University School of Law professor Mark D. Yochum.

9:00 p.m. – midnight

### Reception and DJ

## Saturday, July 28

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

### Breakfast on your own

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

### Paths to Leadership

The PBA Leadership Recruitment & Development Committee is offering this program for those who are interested in learning more about the PBA and how to become involved in association leadership. Program attendees will learn about the governance structure, opportunities for relationship building, the importance of diversity in leadership, the relationship of the PBA to local bar associations 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 worthwhile program.

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.

### Opening a Solo or Small Firm

Launching your own practice is one of the greatest professional

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challenges you'll ever undertake — and quite possibly one of the most rewarding. Fraught with hard work and long hours, it is nevertheless a chance to build a business, provide real value to clients who depend on you and, ultimately, shape your own destiny. Whether you do it alone, with a friend, near your home or far away, hanging your shingle is entirely possible. This panel will challenge you to think creatively about starting your own practice. Topics will include entity identity, money management, technology and marketing.

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.

### **Navigating the Client Maze: Managing, Retaining and Procuring Clients as a Young Lawyer**

This panel of three young lawyers will discuss the positives of effectively managing clients as well as avoiding the most common client-related pitfalls each attorney faces early in his or her career. Topics will include managing client expectations and advocating for and advancing the goals of the client and the firm in a competitive legal environment.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch**

2:00 p.m.

**Golf Outing**

2:00 p.m.

**On your own**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Cocktail Reception**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.


**Dinner**

9:00 p.m. – midnight

**Reception and DJ**

**Sunday, July 29**

**Departure ■**



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# Bradford Co. lawyer, York Co. Truancy Prevention Initiative honored by Pa. Bar Foundation

*They received Louis J. Goffman Awards for outstanding pro bono support and service.*

Sole practitioner James R. Carroll Jr., of Athens, Pa., and the York County Truancy Prevention Initiative received Louis J. Goffman Awards from the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation (PBF) for outstanding pro bono support and service. The awards, named for the late Pennsylvania Bar Association president, were presented May 10 during the Pennsylvania Bar Association Annual Meeting in Lancaster.

On Sept. 8, 2011, many parts of Pennsylvania were severely flooded. Attorney Carroll's small hometown of Athens in Bradford County was one of the hardest hit. When the waters receded four days later, 450 homes were damaged. The sole practitioner's home and law office were among them, but being forced from his home and office did not stop Carroll from providing his neighbors with the pro bono legal assistance they needed to rebuild their lives, homes and businesses.

In the weeks following the flood, Carroll divided his days between cleaning up his own home and law office and providing free legal services to anyone affected by the flooding. Each day, from 2 to 5 p.m., with his laptop and cell phone in tow, Carroll set up "office" in the local Red Cross shelter or the local coffee shop or anywhere else that offered a connection to the Internet. He spread the word of his "free legal clinics" via Facebook and the local newspapers



*James R. Carroll Jr. (holding award), recipient of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's (PBF) Louis J. Goffman Award, is pictured with (from left) Past PBA President H. Robert Fiebach; Jennifer M. McHugh, chair of the PBF Goffman Award Committee; and PBF President Alfred Jones Jr.*

and radio and, often muddy from his own labors, helped more than 40 families and individuals with insurance issues, FEMA application assistance and landlord/tenant complaints.

Carroll received his Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education from Kutztown University and his Juris Doctorate from Widener University School of Law.

The York County Truancy Prevention Initiative is being recognized for its innovative approach to reducing truancy in York County.

More than 15 years ago, Judge John Uhler of the York County Court of Common Pleas observed that as many as 95

percent of youths appearing before him in juvenile court delinquency proceedings were habitual truants. In response to this alarming revelation, he convened a multi-disciplined body of stakeholders drawn from among York County educators and administrators, bench and bar, social services and governmental agencies, medical community, business community and non-profits, as well as parent and students, to work together to combat truancy.

This Truancy Response Group, working in partnership with the York County Bar Foundation and local and national funding sources, launched the York County Truancy Prevention Initiative. The initia-

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# PBA names 2012-13 class of Bar Leadership Institute

The Pennsylvania Bar Association recently announced the members of the 2012-2013 PBA Bar Leadership Institute, which helps prepare young lawyers for future leadership opportunities within the association.

The Bar Leadership Institute is designed to provide 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. BLI participants learn about the day-to-day operations, governance, resources and staffing of the association. Participants are introduced to the various leadership opportunities within the PBA, and each participant is paired with an experienced and

committed mentor who is a member of the Board of Governors.

This year's class members, selected from a field of 38 candidates, are listed below, along with the names of their firms or agencies.

- Desiree Brougher, Reilly Wolfson Sheffey Schrum & Lundberg LLP
- Joshua Camson, Washington County Court of Common Pleas
- Charece Collins, Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton Fires & Newby LLP
- Ashley Grimm, Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center
- Mary Beth Hughes, Kane Pugh Knoell Troy & Kramer

- Jonathan Koltash, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of General Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry
- Richard Lupinsky, Blair County Court of Common Pleas
- J. Teddy Michel, North Penn Legal Services
- Keisha Parker, Campbell Campbell Edwards & Conroy PC
- Nego Pile, Heckert Bikin & Pile
- Eid Qaqish, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas

To learn more about the PBA BLI please visit the web page: <http://www.pabar.org/bli.asp>. ■

## Goffman Awards

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itive established a protocol for improved communications, instituted a consistent response to truancy in all 16 school districts and initiated a variety of interventions to interrupt the truancy to juvenile justice system pipeline.

The initiative serves all school-aged youths in York County. It is a clearinghouse for what works to prevent truancy and dropping out of school and not only stays current on national education policy research, but also works to find ways to enhance York County's provision of truancy prevention programs, such as its school-based Youth Court Alliances, Juvenile Justice based Truancy Court and "Check and Connect" counseling intervention with Pennsylvania Counseling Services.

York County lawyers figure prominently among the volunteers who support the countywide initiative. Six York County Bar Association lawyers volunteer their time to train and oversee 18 Youth Court Alliance members. Four attorneys serve on the Truancy Prevention Initiative Advisory Council and between four and seven judges/attorneys attend the Truancy Task Force meetings held every other month to help the Initiative continue to gauge the ongoing need and relevancy for truancy prevention



*Leigh Dalton, director, York County Truancy Prevention Initiative, (holding award) accepts the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's (PBF) Louis J. Goffman Award. She is pictured with (from left) Past PBA President H. Robert Fiebach; York County Bar Association President Judge John C. Uhler; PBF President Alfred Jones Jr.; and Jennifer M. McHugh, chair of the PBF Goffman Award Committee.*

and intervention services. To date, their efforts have moved York County's statewide truancy ranking from the ninth highest to the 20th highest.

The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, the charitable affiliate of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, improves the public's understanding of the law and its appreciation of democracy and strives to ensure that

citizens, particularly Pennsylvania's most vulnerable, have full access to our legal system. The foundation accomplishes its mission by making grants, seeking financial support for individuals and organizations both within and outside of the legal community and encouraging bar members to donate their time and expertise to the public. ■

# Delaware Co. Bar Association expands pro bono efforts

By David Trevaskis,  
PBA pro bono coordinator

The Delaware County Bar Association was recently awarded a grant from the Pennsylvania Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts Program (IOLTA) to hire a part-time pro bono coordinator. Jacqueline Csop began serving in the position on July 2.

Csop's responsibilities include assessing pro bono needs in custody and PFA cases; monitoring all new association members to insure compliance with the pro bono mandate; serving as a liaison with Legal Aid of Southeast Pennsylvania (LASP) to help coordinate and facilitate provision of pro bono services; and planning and implementing Continuing Legal Education training programs for pro bono volunteers, among other duties.

Csop began her outreach to DCBA

members by developing a brief questionnaire and sending it out to the membership via Survey Monkey. (The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DCBAProBonoProgram>.) Additionally, a new page was launched on the DCBA website to introduce the pro bono program and provide a method for attorneys to enroll. The link to the new page is <http://www.delcobar.org/index.php/pro-bono-service>.

Csop's hiring is just one aspect of the expanded pro bono effort in Delaware County. The DCBA board has adopted a policy to support pro bono activity among the association's new members. All new members will have their dues waived for one year if they agree to accept one pro bono case. If they are unable to handle a pro bono case, they can opt to pay their annual dues of \$250. Those dues will then

be donated to LASP. Since instituting this policy in January, the DCBA has donated approximately \$3,000 in collected dues to LASP.

In addition to such direct pro bono service efforts, the DCBA is continuing its support for youth court programming. Youth court, teen court and peer court are interchangeable terms for an alternative disciplinary system for youths who have committed an act that violates the norms of a school or the community. For the second summer, the DCBA has opened its facilities for use by the Unity Center to provide training to Chester High School students who are interested in participating in youth court. The board is committed to supporting this program and will continue to make the bar building available for the training. ■

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## PBA to present Community Service Award to Camp Hill lawyer

Organizers of "Wills for Heroes," a program providing free wills and other estate planning documents for Pennsylvania's emergency responders, will present the Pennsylvania Bar Association Verdina Y. Showell Award to Christina M. Fisher, Fisher Law Office, Camp Hill.

Fisher will receive the award on Wednesday, July 25, at the Pennsylvania State Police barracks, 2201 Belmont Ave., Philadelphia.

The award recognizes outstanding community service and commitment to the Wills for Heroes program and is named in memory of a lawyer with Exelon Business Services Company LLC who was an early proponent of the Wills for Heroes program in Pennsylvania.

Fisher serves as voluntary coordinator of Wills for Heroes programs in Cumberland and Dauphin counties and trains coordinators in other Pennsylvania counties.

"Without a will, state law determines who receives property from an estate, leaving loved ones with tedious paperwork and difficult decisions," said Jacob Gurwitz, chair, PBA Young Lawyers Division. "Thanks to Christina and other young law-

yer volunteers, emergency personnel and their families have peace of mind that their wishes are known and will be followed."

The PBA YLD adopted Wills for Heroes in 2008 as one of its major community service projects. The program was initially brought to Pennsylvania by Daniel McKenna, a Ballard Spahr attorney currently serving on the board of the national Wills for Heroes Foundation, the nonprofit organization responsible for encouraging national expansion of the program.

"Like Verdina Showell, Christina places a high priority on providing free legal services where they were needed most," said McKenna. "We applaud Christina for being a model volunteer and for helping to expand the program into more Pennsylvania counties."

McKenna said that despite the inherently dangerous nature of their jobs, an overwhelmingly large number of emergency responders – approximately 80-90 percent – do not have wills. This figure is based on experiential data from state and national first responder organizations.

Wills for Heroes events are being held in Pennsylvania communities upon request

of leaders from local police, fire and emergency medical personnel organizations as well as county bar associations. On a scheduled day, a team of lawyers bring laptop computers to a firehouse or meeting hall and spend at least an hour with each participant who pre-registers to attend the event. A participant sits with a lawyer to review a questionnaire that the participant has filled out in advance. Answers are entered into a computer-based program. The lawyer reviews the resulting document with the participant to ensure its accuracy. After any necessary corrections are made, the will is printed, signed and notarized.

Upon request, lawyer volunteers also work with each participant to prepare an advance medical directive, often called a "living will," which specifies what actions should be taken for the participant's health in the event that he/she can no longer make decisions due to illness or incapacity.

In addition, lawyers prepare a durable power of attorney, a document that gives another person legal authority to act on behalf of the participant if the participant becomes incapacitated. These documents also are offered at no cost to participants. ■



# Erie Co., Washington Co. bar associations receive 2012 Pa. Bar Foundation Birdsall Impact Grants

The Erie County Bar Association and the Washington County Bar Association will receive financial support for two bar initiatives that will have an immediate impact on how these bar associations serve their members, communities and courts. Thanks to the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's Birdsall Impact Grant program, each organization will share equally in the annual \$1,000 grant.

In Erie, the funding will provide support for the bar association's mentoring program for newly admitted attorneys. The program pairs newly admitted lawyers with seasoned practitioners who help the new lawyers develop professional habits and practices that lead to them becoming not only active members of the state and local bar community but also trusted and respected members of the Erie community

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In Washington, the grant will help to underwrite an educational program for attorney participation in the bar association's pro bono and/or modest means lawyer referral programs, two initiatives that provide critical legal assistance to county residents who cannot afford the costs of legal representation. The participating attorneys learn about those areas of law most likely to be received as program referrals, such as fam-

ily and housing issues, and this year, the sessions will be held at the Washington City Mission, the site of a new legal clinic for residents.

Established in 2008, the Birdsall Impact Grant program seeks to assist county bar associations in the furtherance of a charitable, educational or pro bono program or project or the enhancement of an existing charitable, educational or pro bono program or project that succeeds in making an immediate impact on the way a county bar operates in service to its members, court and community. Named in honor of PBA's longtime County Bar Services Director Arthur J. Birdsall, the program awards \$1,000 annually. It is one of the initiatives of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, the charitable affiliate of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. ■

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# On the *Local Scene*...

## Allegheny

### Happy 50th Anniversary, Bench-Bar

When the Allegheny County Bar Association held its first Bench-Bar Conference at the Seven Springs Resort in Somerset in the early 1960s, no one probably predicted that this annual event would last 50 years. But it did, and it is still growing. From June 14-16, more than 850 ACBA members celebrated the golden anniversary of Bench-Bar with keynote speakers, tributes, the passing of the gavel ceremony to new President Mark T. Vuono and a fireworks display.

## Berks

### Help with Voter Photo ID Law

A special task force was created by the Berks County Bar Association to plan educational programs in the community on the new Voter Photo ID Law. The task force has created an information packet detailing what is an acceptable ID, as well as what needs to be done in order to obtain one. The new requirement was the subject of a call-in radio show with members answering questions posed by the host and callers. To date, presentations have been made to various senior citizen groups. The association has received tremendous positive coverage in the local newspaper for its efforts.

## Blair

### Summer party, golf outing

The Blair County Bar Association held a summer cocktail party and golf outing on June 21 at the Blairmont Country Club. Attorneys and their guests were asked to bring children's story books and new pajamas for Children, Youth and Families Services. The donated items will be distributed to children who are removed from their homes. Representatives from the Young Lawyers Division of the BCBA will collect the books and pajamas and deliver them to the CYF office.

## Carbon

### CCBA launches Lawyer Referral Service, Modest Means Program

The Carbon County Bar Association launched its Lawyer Referral Service and Modest Means Program on May 1. The Lawyer Referral Service matches clients with a participating attorney and provides them with a low-cost initial consultation. The Modest Means Program is designed to serve clients whose income levels fall within 200 percent of the poverty guidelines and provides reduced fees for certain legal services to qualifying individuals. Applications for the program are processed through the CCBA office in Lehighton. Attorney participation in the Modest Means program is voluntary.

## Chester

### 'CLE & Clay Shooting' event

The stunning M&M Hunting Preserve in Pennsville, N.J., was the site of the Chester County Bar Association's very successful "CLE & Clay Shooting" event on May 23. The afternoon started off with an informative presentation on the "Second Amendment in Action" by Michael Morton, and then the clay shooting extravaganza began! But don't worry – instructors were on hand for useful tips and tricks for tracking the soaring sporting clays. Of course there *might have* been a little competition among the groups, but there were no injuries reported. After a guided golf cart excursion, everyone returned to the clubhouse to share their stories over snacks.



### 2nd annual Legal Lemonade Day

On June 8, the Chester County Bar Association and four local law firms showed their support for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation through their second annual Legal Lemonade Day. CCBA hosted five stands throughout West Chester borough and Kennett Square at the Chester County Bar Association, Lieberman & Kohler LLP and Hall Law Offices, Lamb McErlane PC, Gawthrop Greenwood PC and Larmore Scarlett LLP.

Decked out in everything yellow, members of the Chester County Bar Association hit the streets of West Chester and Kennett Square to encourage passers-by to donate to this nonprofit organization dedicated to raising money and awareness for childhood cancer. Members of the bar association and the community alike had a blast drinking refreshing lemonade and helping fight childhood cancer.

Collectively, Chester County Bar Association's Legal Lemonade Stands raised more than \$3,700, with all donations going directly to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. The countdown for the third annual Legal Lemonade Day has already begun!

## Cumberland

### CCBA Law Day 2012

During the month of May, Cumberland County Bar Association members gave presentations in 18 classrooms at six elementary schools to over 400 students focusing on Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. From dream to

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law, the attorneys highlighted how one person or a group of individuals can create change. The presentation ended with a discussion of what dreams students have for the country and their community. “I Have a Dream” books were presented to all of the public elementary schools and libraries in Cumberland County.

## Pro Bono Program

The Cumberland County Bar Association’s Pro Bono Program began its third year of service on June 1, 2012. This program has been funded by grants from Interest on Lawyers’ Trust Accounts (IOLTA), a Community Development Block Grant from the Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority and the CCBA board of directors, which allocated funds to support the pro bono program. The program has also received donations from members who donate money “in lieu of taking a case.” So far, the program has handled 554 cases.

## Erie

### Law Day activities

The ninth annual Law Day 5K kicked off Law Day festivities for the Erie County Bar Association (ECBA) on April 28. The race garnered over \$13,000 for the ECBA’s signature community project, Attorney & Kids Together (AKT), which supports the educational needs of local students living in homeless situations.

Law Day activities continued on May 4 with the Annual Law Day Luncheon. Jennifer Thompson and Ronald Cotton captivated the audience with their story of injustice, redemption and the power of the human spirit. Also at the luncheon, this year’s recipients of the Pro Bono Award (attorney John McCandless), Liberty Bell Award (Gertrude Simmons) and Chancellor of the Bar (attorney Harry K. Thomas, posthumously) were honored.

### ECBA Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The ECBA Annual Charity Golf Tournament and Optional Scramble took

place on June 25. Members of the ECBA came together on the golf course to support the programs of the Erie County Bar Foundation, including the Chief Justice Samuel J. Roberts Scholarship Fund, which annually awards law scholarships to three students from Erie.

### Attorneys & Kids Together Program

The Attorney & Kids Together Kid Konnection program is in full swing. Kid Konnection pairs an attorney with a child in a homeless situation. The objective is to educate, build trust, offer role models, provide positive life experiences and build self-esteem. The group has already had several events, including a trip to the Pittsburgh Children’s Museum.

## Lebanon

### Law Day and Naturalization Ceremony

Local citizens and attorneys filled the courtroom of President Judge John C. Tylwalk for the annual Law Day and Naturalization Ceremony on May 1 as part of national Law Day celebrations. Eight new attorneys were sworn into the bar, and more than 10 new citizens took the citizenship oath. Patriotic music was provided by local elementary school students and a message was delivered by Wesley M. Oliver, professor of law at Widener Law School, Harrisburg campus.

Also as part of Law Day, elementary and high school students visited the county courthouse throughout April and May. They sat in on a court session and toured the emergency management agency, sheriff’s office and city police department. Two county judges and the chief public defender also visited schools to talk about their jobs and the legal system.

### Law Exploring Program mock trial

Ten area high school students spent some time in a courtroom recently, presenting their case to a jury not quite of their peers in front of Lebanon County Court of Common Pleas Judge Bradford H. Charles. Volunteers from the bar association and courthouse employees served as jurors and witnesses in the case.

The students are members of the Law Exploring Program, a national career exploration program with a local group led by attorney volunteers from the Lebanon County Bar Association. The students have been meeting regularly since October to prepare for the mock trial, studying the case and learning how to present evidence to support their side. The fictional case, *Commonwealth vs. Teaberry Olson*, involved a restaurant owner accused of third-degree murder.

## Luzerne

### Law Day Dinner

Francis X. O’Connor, the vice president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, accompanied by PBA Zone 5 Gov. David E. Schwager, addressed the lawyers of the Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association at the bar’s annual Law Day Dinner held at the Woodlands Inn and Resort on May 4. O’Connor’s address was on the value of becoming and being a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, which he encouraged all Luzerne County lawyers to do.



Shown at the Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association Law Day dinner are PBA Zone 5 Gov. David E. Schwager (left) and PBA Vice President Francis X. O’Connor.

## Monroe

### Fairy Tale Trials

The 2012 Monroe County Bar Association’s Fairy Tale Trials were a huge success. One hundred and fifty fifth-

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grade students from East Stroudsburg and Pleasant Valley school districts and Monsignor McHugh and Notre Dame elementary schools turned out to participate in the SpongeBob-themed mock trial on April 27. This was the 19th year that the bar association hosted the trials.

The trial, *Bikini Bottom V. Sheldon Plankton and Squidward Tentacles*, offered the students a unique view of our judicial system – one that promoted a better understanding of the proceedings of criminal trials. Some students were selected to be part of the jury, and all were encouraged to present questions to the presiding judge. The students were extremely enthusiastic and engaged in the case. They were also highly entertained by the attorneys’ animated portrayal of some of their favorite cartoon characters.

We would like to thank, again, the attorneys and judges who volunteered their time to participate in this year’s trials and other Law Day events.



*Monroe County attorneys get into character for the Fairy Tale Trials.*

## **Montgomery**

### **Diversity Committee hosts first ‘Day in Court’ program**

The Montgomery Bar Association’s Diversity Committee, in partnership with three locally-based parent-student leadership groups, hosted its first “Day in Court” program on May 29 at the Montgomery County Courthouse.

Attending junior and senior high school students from Abington School District observed a live court proceeding and had

the opportunity to meet with Montgomery County Judges Cheryl L. Austin, Garrett D. Page and Carolyn T. Carluccio, as well as District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman, retired Chief Detective Oscar Vance and Public Defender Keir Bradford-Grey. Throughout the day’s events, students partnered with mentor-attorneys.

Participating students were members of two award-winning minority leadership programs that operate in partnership with the Abington School District: VIBE (Voices Involved in promoting Black Excellence), which encourages positive self-identity and fosters leadership development among young males, and its female counterpart, IMAGINE (I’m A Girl, Intelligent, Noble and Educated), which provides African-American girls a forum to self-advocate, improve self-image and to generally enrich their lives. Both of these programs, founded by administrators at Abington Junior High, aim to give a voice to diverse students throughout the school and community and

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assist them in embracing their talents and goals. The CALM Society (Committed Advocates Leading Many), a parent group, also works in partnership with the Abington School District to support these programs.

The Day in Court program is part of the Montgomery Bar Association's efforts to promote diversity within the legal community. Other initiatives include the 1L Summer Internship for diverse first-year law students. In the fall, members of Montgomery Bar Association's Diversity Committee will teach courses in the law to middle and high school students throughout the Abington School District, with hopes to extend the program to other school districts in Montgomery County.

## Northampton

### Reception for the Court

Members of the Northampton County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division

were invited to a reception prior to the Reception for the Court on March 30. The young lawyers had the opportunity to meet with members of the bench from Northampton County, along with members of Pennsylvania appellate courts.

### 'Liquor and the Law' CLE

The NCBA YLD put together a very popular two-hour Continuing Legal Education program on "Liquor and the Law: Dram Shop Liability, Liquor Licensing and DUI" on March 24. Topics covered were the potential liability of dram shops, taverns and other commercial establishments in serving alcohol in which service results in auto crashes or other such accidents and the burden of proving such cases. Also included was a review of the requirements that must be met to open such establishments that sell alcohol, including those requirements established by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. A review of DUI law in Pennsylvania

provided practice pointers for representing clients in Northampton County. A tour of the Weyerbacher Brewery followed.

## York

### Law Day

The York County Bar Association and Foundation's Law Day luncheon was held on May 1, with 170 attendees. The association and foundation honored local philanthropist and former head of the Waypoint/York Federal Foundation Robert W. Pullo with the 2012 Liberty Bell Award for his volunteer work in raising funds for a family law position at Mid-Penn Legal Services. He helped raise more than \$300,000 for Mid-Penn. Holocaust survivor Severin Fayerman also spoke at the luncheon. After surviving Nazi death camps during WWII, Fayerman and his family emigrated to the U.S., where they built a successful hardware corporation. ■

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## **Reinsurance Principles and Practice**

*July 11, Allentown, Lebanon, New Castle, Norristown, Warren, Wilkes-Barre*  
8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 3 substantive/1 ethics

## **Recent Developments in Assessment Law in Pa.**

*July 12, Beaver, Doylestown, Greensburg, Indiana, Meadville, Norristown, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York*  
8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

## **The Supreme Court's Decision on the Affordable Care Act**

*July 12, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Johnstown, Lebanon, Meadville, Mill Hall, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York*  
1:30 to 4:45 p.m.; check-in at 1 p.m., 3 substantive/0 ethics

## **Snapshots of Special Education Law**

*July 16, Allentown, Erie, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Lebanon, Mill Hall, New Castle, Norristown, Stroudsburg, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre*  
8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 6 substantive/0 ethics

## **Solo & Small Firm Conference**

*July 17-18, Bedford*  
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; check-in at 7:45 a.m., 11 substantive/1 ethics

## **Understanding the Basics of Fraud and Abuse in the Health Care Industry**

*July 17, Allentown, Greensburg, Norristown, Wilkes-Barre*  
12:30 to 4:45 p.m.; check-in at 12 p.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

## **Revisiting Younger's 10 Commandments**

*July 18, Allentown, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Lebanon, Mill Hall, New Castle, Norristown, Reading, 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

## **Four County Civil Practice**

*July 19, Media*  
8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

## **Hot Topics in Oil and Gas Law**

*July 19, Allentown, Doylestown, Erie, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, New Castle, Norristown, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York*  
9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

## **Looking Under the Hood: Drafting Better Trusts to Accomplish Your Clients' Estate Planning Goals**

*July 20, Butler, Doylestown, Erie, Norristown, Washington, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport*  
9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

## **Pennsylvania Tax Exemptions for Nonprofits – Is Your Charity Prepared to Defend Its Tax Exempt Status After the Recent Pa. Supreme Court Case?**

*July 23, Allentown, Butler, Greensburg, Norristown, Williamsport*  
12 to 2 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m., 2 substantive/0 ethics

## **Annual U.S. Supreme Court Roundup**

*July 24, Allentown, Greensburg, Meadville, Norristown, West Chester, York*  
9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 3 substantive/0 ethics

## **Four County Civil Practice**

*July 25, Norristown*  
8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

## **Pa.'s Attorney-Client Privilege & Work Product Doctrine**

*July 25, Greensburg, Media, Reading, West Chester*  
9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 0 substantive/3 ethics

## **Residential Real Estate Closing Documents**

*July 25, Doylestown, West Chester*  
9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 3 substantive/0 ethics

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

*July 26, Allentown, Doylestown, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Lebanon, Meadville, Mill, New Castle, Reading, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, York*  
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 5 substantive/1 ethics

## **The Cybersleuth's Guide to the Internet**

*July 27, Allentown, Greensburg, Norristown, Reading, West Chester*  
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 6 substantive/0 ethics

## **Practice before the Dept. of Veterans Affairs**

*July 30, Allentown, Lebanon, New Castle, Norristown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre*  
8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

## **Basics of Wage and Hour Law**

*July 31, Allentown, Greensburg, Media, Norristown, Wilkes-Barre*  
8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

## **CSI at PBI**

*Aug. 1, Allentown, Butler, Erie, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Meadville, Mill Hall, New Castle, Reading, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York*  
8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 5 substantive/1 ethics

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## **Immigration, Federal Exclusivity & Arizona v. US**

*Aug. 2, Allentown, Easton, Indiana, Lebanon, Norristown, Uniontown, York*  
9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 3 substantive/0 ethics

## **Tax Consequences & Estate Issues in Divorce: Addressing the Issues & Avoiding the Pitfalls**

*Aug. 3, Allentown, Norristown, Reading, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre*  
8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 3 substantive/1 ethics

## **A Day on Real Estate – East**

*Aug. 7, Allentown, Greensburg, Norristown, Uniontown, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre*  
9 a.m. to 4:10 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 5 substantive/1 ethics

## **Workers' Compensation Medical Lecture Series: A Guide To Understanding Common Work Injuries in the Spine, Shoulders, Knees and Upper Extremities**

*Aug. 8, Allentown, Erie, Greensburg, Norristown, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre*  
12:30 to 4:45 p.m.; check-in at 12 p.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

## **Cell Phone Forensics: What Every Attorney Should Know About Recovering Digital Evidence**

*Aug. 9, Allentown, Beaver, Butler, Doylestown, Erie, Greensburg, Mill Hall, New Castle, Norristown, Selinsgrove, 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

## **Handling the Sex Offense Case**

*Aug. 10, Doylestown, Erie, Greensburg, Honesdale, Reading, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre*  
12 to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

## **Eminent Domain Takings in Pennsylvania**

*Aug. 13, Allentown, Greensburg, Meadville, Media, Norristown, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Wilkes-Barre*  
12:30 to 3:45 p.m.; check-in at 12 p.m., 3 substantive/0 ethics

## **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the CLE Seminar (Sean Carter)**

*Aug. 14, Allentown, Greensburg, Norristown, Reading, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York*  
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 3 substantive/3 ethics

## **Private Eyes are Watching You: Privacy in the Workplace**

*Aug. 15, Erie, Greensburg, Media, Norristown, Wilkes-Barre*  
1 to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 12:30 p.m., 3 substantive/0 ethics

## **eDiscovery 101/Introduction to Predictive Coding Technology**

*Aug. 16, Media*  
9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 2 substantive/1 ethics

## **Estate Planning for Retirement Assets**

*Aug. 17, Allentown, Doylestown, Erie, Media, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport*  
9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

## **Construction Defect Litigation: Claims and Coverage**

*Aug. 21, Norristown*  
12 to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

## **Family Law Practice in the Lehigh Valley**

*Aug. 21, Allentown*  
8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 6 substantive/0 ethics

## **Real Estate 101: Buying & Selling Residential Real Property**

*Aug. 23, Allentown, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Honesdale, Lebanon, Mansfield, Mill Hall, New Castle, Warren, West Chester, York*  
9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 5 substantive/1 ethics

## **Evaluating the DUI Case**

*Aug. 24, Erie, Hollidaysburg, Johnstown, Mill Hall, Reading, Stroudsburg, Warren, West Chester*  
8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 5 substantive/1 ethics

## **Contending With Social Media in the Workplace: A Guide for Employers in an Age of Rapidly Evolving Technology**

*Aug. 27, Beaver, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, Uniontown, Warren, Wilkes-Barre, York*  
12:30 to 4:45 p.m.; check-in at 12 p.m., 3 substantive/1 ethics

## **How Medicare Has Changed the Landscape of Litigation in Personal Injury and Workers Compensation Cases**

*Aug. 28, Doylestown, Greensburg, Meadville, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport*  
9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m., 2 substantive/1 ethics

## **Creating, Influencing and Challenging a Regulation: When, Why & How**

*Aug. 29, Media, West Chester*  
8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m., 4 substantive/0 ethics

## **Trial Evidence — Artistry & Advocacy in the Courtroom**

*Aug. 30, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Honesdale, Indiana, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, 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

## **Arbitration of a Commercial Case**

*Aug. 31, Allentown, Greensburg, Reading, Wilkes-Barre*  
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Aug. 2-7

Chicago, Ill.



## PBA Workers' Compensation Law Section Fall Meeting

Sept. 13-14

Hershey Lodge, Hershey



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Oct. 18-20

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