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2013 CCBL Seminar to take place Feb. 21-23, in State College

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The 47th Annual Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) will be held Feb. 21-23, 2013, at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College. This year's program will again focus on bar association leadership and providing the governing officers of local bar associations with important information for leading and protecting their organizations.

We will offer several programs that will provide incoming bar presidents with the information nobody else told them before they were handed the gavel. These programs will cover nonprofit law, dealing with the media, and leadership and member engagement. Additional programs will cover recruiting and retaining minority attorneys in your bar association, avoiding legal malpractice, and a program from Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers. You will want to stay Saturday morning for a follow-up to last year's sell-out legal journal workshop. In all, attendees will be able to receive up to 6.5 credits, including up to 2.5 ethics credits toward their continuing legal education requirements.

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Nittany Lion Inn



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"The Wild, Wild West of County Bar Leadership: Round Up Your Posse!" Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Early Bird Registration

9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Registration

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PBA Supermarket and Vendor Fair

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:15 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.

CCBL Introduction

8:20 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

From the Trenches to the Top — Leadership in the 21st Century and Lessons Learned During 9/11

CLE 1.5 substantive

You know that leadership skills are essential to being successful, whether in your law practice or your bar association. Learn how Col. Mark Volk, U.S. Army, Ret., has used his experiences, including his presence at the Pentagon on 9/11, to become a leader, not only in the military but as an administrator and president of Lackawanna College. During his 26-year Army career, Volk served in a variety of command and staff positions in the United States and overseas. He was awarded the Soldier's Medal, the Army's highest non-combat award for heroism for his lifesaving efforts after the 9/11 attacks.

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Nonprofit Law: (Almost) Everything You Need to Know in One Meeting

CLE 1.5 substantive

Donald W. Kramer of Montgomery, McCracken, Philadelphia, publisher of "Nonprofit Issues[®]," will conduct this interactive and informative session. Attend an "annual meeting" of a LOST organization for the basics on the various types of nonprofits, obtaining and maintaining tax-exempt status, the relationship between 501(c)(6) trade associations and 501(c)(3) charities, unrelated business income, charitable solicitation, lobbying and electioneering, organizational structure, board governance, fiduciary duty, personal liability of board members, indemnification and more.

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

YLD Business Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Avoidance of Legal Malpractice

CLE 1.5 ethics

Join members of the PBA Professional Liability Committee as they discuss issues related to avoiding legal malpractice. Those who attend this session will receive up to a 5 percent discount on their PBA-endorsed malpractice insurance.

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Kick-Off Luncheon

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Break

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Marketing, Mentoring and Membership: Recruiting and Retaining Minority Attorneys in Your Bar Association

Are you looking to attract minority attorneys to your bar association or wondering what might help you get more minority attorneys involved? Learn about recruitment and retention using basic inclusion and community-building principles to build your network of minority attorneys within your bar association!

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dealing With the Media

CLE 1 substantive

Dealing with the news media is usually a learned skill. It is not without risk, but it can be a useful marketing and/or communications tool for a lawyer, law firm or bar association. Who is permitted to speak to the media at your law firm? How does communication with the media affect your representation of clients? This session is an overview of the basic principles of dealing with print/digital and television reporters in interview situations. Don Sarvey and John Baer will help you understand what reporters are interested in and why, talk about helpful techniques for dealing with reporters and their questions, and explain how you can focus on the message you want to get across.

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

LCL: Leading the Way to Recovery

CLE 1 ethics

How do you react when a bar member needs an intervention? How does your association react? What do you do if the court calls and expects you to intervene? Whether the problem is alcohol, drugs,

gambling or other problems that cause personal and professional impairment, the Lawyers' Confidential Helpline provides discreet professional and volunteer peer assistance. LCL-PA is an independent, nonprofit corporation operated by and for the benefit of Pennsylvania lawyers. Our panel will provide the wisdom and insight that you need to navigate the problems surrounding addiction and health issues to reach solutions.

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

What an Original "Space Cowboy" Can Teach You About Leadership, Teamwork and Problem Solving

CLE 1 substantive

Learn what the original "Space Cowboy," Captain James T. Kirk of the Starship Enterprise, can teach bar leaders about being a leader, teamwork, resource utilization, problem solving and board governance. This interactive presentation will give ideas and provide thought-provoking commentary to lead your own "wagon train" to the promised land of success and service to your membership. Learn skills you can apply to your everyday law practice.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Hot Topics, Cold Drinks

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner

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8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Country Line Dancing/ Rodeo and Game Night

Sponsored by USI Affinity

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Hot Breakfast Buffet and "Roundup"

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

CCBL Business Meeting

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

PA Legal Notices – A Review of Statutory Publication Requirements

CLE 1.5 substantive

What is going on with your county legal journal? This seminar is an overview of the types of legal notices that are statutorily required and in which types of publications they must appear. It will also update you on the status of the Conference of County Legal Journals' centralized, statewide website for legal notices that are published in county legal journals.

Conference of County Bar Leaders seeks Birdsall, Flaherty, Nurick award nominations

The PBA Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) is seeking nominations for the Arthur J. Birdsall, Chief Justice John P. Flaherty and Gilbert Nurick awards. The awards will be presented during the 47th annual meeting of the CCBL, Feb. 21-23, 2013, in State College.

The Arthur J. Birdsall Award recognizes a bar executive who has been a faithful steward of bar traditions, who is committed to the success of his or her bar association, who has enhanced significantly the stature of his or her bar association, who cooperates with other bar executives and bar leaders to make CCBL the best it can be and who puts him- or herself second to the needs of the bar association. The award is named in honor of Arthur J. Birdsall, a past PBA county bar services director who re-

tired in 2006 after nearly 40 years of support to local bar associations.

The Chief Justice John P. Flaherty Award is presented in recognition of the Chief Justice's efforts to encourage the work of the PBA and the CCBL. The award is given to a qualified PBA member to recognize an outstanding effort to promote the objectives and purposes of the CCBL and to improve the legal profession, the justice system or the community.

The Gilbert Nurick Award, which is named for the late Harrisburg lawyer who served as PBA president in 1967, is presented to any member of the PBA whose dedication and service to leadership and promotion of the organized bar and its activities have resulted in the enhancement of leadership for

incoming bar association officers. The award is not given solely because the recipient has held and discharged with fidelity a high office or a variety of offices in the association.

A candidate may be nominated for more than one award. Those making nominations are reminded to review the award descriptions carefully to determine whether their candidate(s) meet the criteria. Nominations for the awards are due Jan. 11, 2013.

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

2013 CCBL in State College

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Our featured speaker Friday morning will be Col. Mark Volk, U.S. Army, Ret., and current president of Lackawanna College. Volk will speak about how his experiences in the Army, including his presence at the Pentagon on 9/11, helped him to become a leader, not only in the military, but also as an administrator and college president. We will learn how these leadership skills translate into not only the practice of law, but also how they can help you succeed in a leadership role within your bar association.

Break out your cowboy hat and boots, as we host a country-themed party and game night following Friday night's BBQ dinner. Try your skill at Wii™ games, country line dancing, or round up some friends for an old time-photo shoot. As always, your participation will earn you tickets to increase your chances of winning some fabulous overnight getaway packages from local resorts.

Be sure to note the change in format for Saturday morning's breakfast. We will gather by county bar size to share unique projects that we are working on. You will not want to miss this "Roundup!"

This year's conference promises to be extremely informative and highly entertaining. Whether you are a local bar president, president-elect, vice president, young lawyer leader or county bar executive director,

please make your reservation now to attend the 2013 CCBL. Contact your local bar executive director or go to www.pabar.org for more information. See you in State College! ■

PBA, PBF honor Alfred J. Azen



At the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's annual Night OUT event on Nov. 15, 2012, in Harrisburg, the Pennsylvania Bar Association announced the renaming of its Pro Bono Partner Award to the "Alfred J. Azen Pro Bono Partner Award." PBA President Thomas G. Wilkinson Jr. (left) presented Azen with a crystal bowl to commemorate Azen's retirement as executive director of the Pennsylvania IOLTA Board.

Applications sought for Birdsall County Bar Impact Grants

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, its court and its community.

If your county bar association is interested in applying for grants funds, please complete the Birdsall County Bar Impact Grant Application at www.pabarfoundation.org/Files/BirdsallGrantApp2013.pdf. The deadline for submission is April 1, 2013.

A five-person grant evaluation committee comprised of Pennsylvania Bar

Foundation (PBF) members appointed by the PBF president and the Conference of County Bar Leaders executive committee will evaluate submissions and select a recipient(s) to share in a grant(s) totaling not more than \$1,000. The successful applicant(s) will be notified in writing on or before May 1, 2013, and the grants will be awarded during the Annual Meeting of the PBF board of directors and members on May 9, 2013, in Pittsburgh, in conjunction with the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

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

For more information, contact PBF Executive Director E. Marie Queen at 888-238-3036 or info@pabarfoundation.org. ■

CCBL executive committee seeks applicants

Each year, one member of the executive committee of the Conference of County Bar Leaders fulfills his or her term of office and is replaced by selection. Nominations are sought for candidates whose qualifications must include being a president or past president of a county bar association. The new executive committee member will serve up to an eight-year term on the committee.

Letters of nomination, or applications requesting consideration for selection, along with a current resume, should be sent by Jan. 11, 2013, via e-mail attachment to nicole.antos@pabar.org or by mail to Nicole R. Antos, director of County Bar Services, Pennsylvania Bar Association, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186. ■

Zone 5 Presidents' Dinner in Scranton



*from left, front row: Nicole R. Antos, PBA County Bar Services director; Melinda C. Ghilardi, PBA at-large governor; Jane M. Carlonas, president, Lackawanna Bar Association; Richard B. Henry of Wayne County; Janis M. Leftridge, PBA diversity officer; Frances W. Crouse, president, Bradford County Bar Association; Thomas G. Wilkinson Jr., PBA president; Elizabeth A. Erickson Kameen, president, Pike County Bar Association; Joseph F. Saporito Jr., president, Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association
back row: Francis J. O'Rourke, PBA deputy executive director, Barry M. Simpson, PBA executive director; Francis X. O'Connor, PBA vice president; David E. Schwager, PBA Zone 5 governor; Charles J. Vogt of Monroe County; Elizabeth A. Kramer, PBA Member Services director; Shelly Lawson, director of bar association programs, USI Affinity*

New executive director at Franklin County Bar Association



Addie Nardi

Addie Nardi has taken the helm as the new executive director of the Franklin County Bar Association.

Addie comes to the organization with a wealth of knowledge in non-profits, sales, marketing and event planning. Prior to coming to the FCBA, she served as the development director for the United Way of Washington County.

Addie resides in Greencastle with her husband, Nathan, and her daughter, Genevieve Grace. ■

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the Pennsylvania Bar Association

SAVE THE DATE

2013 PA CLE Providers Conference Friday, June 14, 2013, Harrisburg

The annual conference for Pennsylvania CLE course providers will be held **Friday, June 14, 2013** at the Hilton Hotel in Harrisburg, PA. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the conference will start at 9:00 a.m. There will be a networking luncheon following the meeting.

The PA CLE Provider Conference continues to serve as a forum for people who share the mutual goal of providing high quality training and education to Pennsylvania's lawyers.

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel and are available at a discounted rate of \$139 until May 14, 2013. Please call (800) 445-8667 and mention the reservation code of **CLE** for the group rate.

Registration and additional information will be posted at www.asapnexus.org.

pacle.org

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Pennsylvania Bar Foundation seeks nominations for Louis J. Goffman Pro Bono Awards

The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation (PBF) is accepting nominations for the Louis J. Goffman Awards, which will be presented during the PBA Annual Meeting, May 8-10, 2013, at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown. The awards recognize and honor individuals or organizations for commitment to pro bono service.

Any Pennsylvania-based individual or organization involved in the provision of volunteer legal services is eligible. This includes large and small firms, corporate law departments, government attorney offices, county bar associations, law schools and

other legal services entities whose members, either collectively or individually, have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the following categories over the past year:

- Dedication to the development and delivery of legal services to the poor through a pro bono program;
- Significant work towards the development of innovative approaches to the delivery of volunteer legal services
- Active participation in a program/project that satisfied a previously unmet or under served legal need of a particular

group of Pennsylvanians.

- Successful litigation of a pro bono case(s) that enhanced the delivery of other services to the poor.
- Successful pursuit of legislation that significantly enhanced the provision of legal services to the poor.

Visit the PBF website at www.pabarfoundation.org/Programs%20and%20Awards/Louis.aspx for more information and the nomination form. The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2013. ■



On the *Local Scene...*

Allegheny **Redesigned Website**

The Allegheny County Bar Association recently went live with its redesigned website (www.acba.org). The new site, designed by the ACBA marketing and communications departments, is a cleaner, more modern version of the old site. The primary goal of the redesign was to make the site more user-friendly for ACBA members, but the new site also continues to address the needs of the general public and the media with a dedicated "For the Public" area and pages for the media. The redesigned site retains links to Pittsburgh Lawyer Finder, Proliance Solutions, the Allegheny County Bar Foundation and other related sites.

Berks **Campaign on Reporting Child Abuse**

The Berks County Bar Association participated in the Pennsylvania Bar Association's 2012 Public Education Campaign on recognizing and reporting child abuse. A program on community TV featured a panel of attorneys and a judge discussing the topic and attorneys were also guests on a local radio call-in show. Efforts also included the placement of an op-ed piece in the local newspaper and distribution of the PBA brochure at a local shopping mall.

Pro Bono Celebration

Members of the Berks Bar Pro Bono Team were thanked on Oct. 23, 2012, as part of the BCBA's annual pro bono celebration. The event included lunch with former U.S. Attorney General and Gov. Dick Thornburgh as keynote speaker, two afternoon seminars given by PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Keller Trevaskis and a concluding cocktail reception. The entire program was free for Pro Bono Team members. The team includes those who volunteer to represent the indigent as well as those pay a \$550 opt-out fee.

Blair **Constitution Day Contests**

The Blair County Bar Association held its annual Constitution Day poster, essay and

poetry contests in September 2012. This year 219 entries were received from area elementary and middle schools. A team of young lawyers selected the winners.

Bucks **Pro Bono Ceremony**



from left: Bucks County PBA Pro Bono Awardee Martin Ghen and PBA President Thomas G. Wilkinson Jr.

The Bucks County Bar Association held a ceremony on Oct. 24, 2012, in celebration of the statewide Pro Bono Week. PBA President Thomas G. Wilkinson Jr. and PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Keller Trevaskis attended and presented Martin Ghen of Chalfont with a 2012 PBA Pro Bono Award. Ghen received the award for his volunteer work representing clients in PFA matters. Legal Aid of Southeastern PA was presented with a check for \$25,000 from fundraising efforts through a bar run.

Carbon **Hurricane Sandy Relief**

Members of the Carbon County Bar Association were part of a county-wide effort to help bring relief to the small, Hurricane Sandy-stricken town of Sea Bright, N.J. Shortly after the storm ravaged Sea Bright, Carbon County Judge Joseph J. Matika contacted CCBA coordinator Sheri Ryan with information on a small relief effort that had been started by a local fire fighter. Bar members responded quickly with donations of food, water, pet items, household

cleaning products, personal hygiene items, blankets, first aid supplies and more. Some gave monetary donations for the purchase of additional supplies, as well as shovels, brooms and garbage bags to help with clean-up efforts. Items were taken to the fire company where they were sorted and packed for the journey to Sea Bright. The response from county businesses and individuals (along with others from outside of the county) gained national attention and on the day that the packed tractor trailer and rental truck arrived in Sea Bright to deliver the donations, singer/songwriter/actor Jon Bon Jovi showed up to lend a hand. To read more about the Carbon County efforts, visit www.tnonline.com/2012/nov/13/helping-hand and www.tnonline.com/2012/nov/13/bon-jovi-lifts-spirits-carbon-volunteers

Chester **Award- Winning E-Publication**

The Chester County Bar Association's monthly publication, "New Matter," was awarded a Luminary Award for Excellence in Electronic Publications from the National Association of Bar Executives Communications Section in October 2012. This award is based on content, design, usability and technical excellence. CCBA turned tech-savvy with "New Matter" this past summer. The interactive interface of the e-newsletter includes live links, real-feel turning pages and zooming capabilities.

Toys for Tots

For the 22nd year in a row, the Chester County Bar Association participated in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program, collecting toys for Chester County children. Hoping to spur community donations, members of the Chester County Bar Association were encouraged to donate as many toys as possible.

Swearing In Ceremony

This fall marked the start of a new tradition at the Chester County Bar Association. On Oct. 3, 2012, 14 recently admitted lawyers were sworn in to the U.S. District Court

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Judge Juan P. Sanchez of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania welcomes Chester County new admittees and their sponsors.

for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania by Judge Juan P. Sanchez. The recently admitted lawyers were accompanied by sponsors or experienced lawyers who helped guide them through the ceremony. The private ceremony took place in one of the newly renovated electronic courtrooms in the federal courthouse, which feature video conferencing and digitally recorded script.

Cumberland

Ninth Biennial Bench-Bar Conference

Cumberland County's Ninth Biennial Bench-Bar Conference was held on Nov. 2, 2012. There were 150 attendees throughout the day. Programs and speakers included Jules Epstein, associate professor, Widener University School of Law, on "Legal Issues in Forensic Evidence Cases"; followed by "Cross Examination and the Movies" presented by Joseph A. Curcillo III, Cumberland County Judge Christylee L. Peck; Jonathan R. Birbeck, chief deputy district attorney, and John Abom of Abom & Kutulakis. The luncheon was sponsored by M&T Bank and the Cumberland County Bar Foundation with guest luncheon speaker, Stephen S. Aichele, chief of staff, Office of the Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, presented "The Absolute Obligation of Government." After the luncheon, Dick Morris of Fox News presented "Politics & the Law." The final program was the Bench-Bar Dialogue, moderated by President Judge Kevin A. Hess, and featuring all members of the county court of common pleas. The day ended with a reception sponsored by the Cumberland County Bar Foundation.

CCBA Pro Bono Program

In celebration of National Pro Bono Week, the CCBA Pro Bono Program and Mid-Penn Legal Services presented a Senior Law Program on Oct. 25, 2012, at the Salvation Army in Carlisle. Seniors from Carlisle and surrounding areas participated in discussions on estate planning, creditor issues and grandparents' rights.

Erie

Annual Admissions Day and Mentoring Program

On Nov. 2, 2012, the Erie County Bar Association welcomed the admission of eight new attorneys. New attorneys were admitted to the county court of common pleas in the morning and then attended an ECBA-sponsored lunch with their mentors, spon-

sors and families. The day concluded at the federal courthouse as the new attorneys were admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. About half of the new admittees took part in the ECBA's mentoring program, which is designed to "jump start" careers by providing a mentor from the ECBA to help prepare the new admittees for the responsible practice of law and to encourage active participation in the bar association.

CAPE Seminar

Five years ago, members of the ECBA partnered with the Erie County Medical Society to form the Coalition of Attorneys and Physicians in Erie (CAPE). On Nov. 27, 2012, CAPE hosted a two-hour seminar titled "Sorry Seems to be the Hardest Word." This interactive seminar discussed legal issues in the medical field pertaining to apologies to patients and their families.

Red Mass

On Oct., 1, 2012, Erie welcomed a new bishop, Lawrence T. Persico, to the Roman Catholic Diocese, and on Oct. 18, the Erie County Bar Association held a Red Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral officiated by Bishop Persico. Dinner with the bishop, other local priests and the ECBA followed.

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Erie County new admittees to the county court and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.



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Anne John, former PBA Zone 6 governor, with Fayette County elementary school students during a career day program

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Fayette

Toys for Tots

The Fayette County Bar Association rang in the holiday season with their annual holiday party and donations of gifts for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

Career Day Program

On Dec. 6, 2012, Anne John, former PBA Zone 6 governor, talked with students during a career day program at a Fayette County elementary school. Students were encouraged to think about how the Constitution affects their lives and their dreams, talked about the November 2012 elections and asked questions about being a lawyer. Each student left with a gavel pencil from the Pennsylvania Bar Association and Pennsylvania Bar Foundation to help them remember and share what they learned.

Lackawanna

Hon. T. Linus Hoban Memorial Forum

The Lackawanna Bar Association, in partnership with the University of Scranton, presented the Honorable T. Linus Hoban Memorial Forum on Oct. 25, 2012. Peter Bergen, author and CNN national security analyst, was the guest lecturer. A leading authority on foreign policy, national security and the new generation of terrorism, Bergen is one of few Western journalists

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Jane Carlonas, president of the Lackawanna Bar Association with Peter Bergen, CNN national security analyst and author

to have interviewed Osama bin Laden. In addition to delivering the evening lecture, which was attended by more than 400 people, Bergen met with students from the political and military science programs to discuss his experiences and allow the students an opportunity to ask questions. He also joined members of the Lackawanna County bench and bar at a reception before the lecture hosted by the LBA. The evening ended with a book signing.

Lebanon

Pro Bono Celebration

Lebanon County honored its many attorneys who provide pro bono services during the annual pro bono celebration on Oct. 25, 2012, at the county courthouse. More than 60 Lebanon County attorneys provide their services through MidPenn Legal Services each year. During the celebration, attorney C. Walter Whitmoyer was presented with a Pennsylvania Bar Association Pro Bono

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from left: Lebanon County President Judge John C. Tylwalk, PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Keller Trevaskis, Lebanon County Judge Charles T. Jones Jr., PBA Pro Bono Awardee C. Walter Whitmoyer, and Howard Miskey of MidPenn Legal Services



Participants in the Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association/Bar Association of Luzerne County Conflict Resolution Day program

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award from David Keller Trevaskis, PBA pro bono coordinator. Lebanon County attorneys also participate in its Modest Means program through which they provide legal services at a reduced rate for those who qualify. More than 100 clients were referred to attorneys through the program in 2012.

Luzerne **Conflict Resolution Day**

The Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association/Bar Association of Luzerne County and invitees from the Leadership Wilkes-Barre Class of 2013 participated in the statewide Conflict Resolution Day as proclaimed by the governor and sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. President Judge Thomas F. Burke Jr. of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County and bar association President Joseph F. Saporito Jr. welcomed these community leaders, who consist of a wide array of business people, educators, nonprofit workers, and community active individuals to the courthouse. Former judge, community activist and professional mediator/arbitrator Joseph M. Cosgrove spoke with the group about the importance of resolving all conflicts peacefully, not just those involving legal issues. Cosgrove talked about the different aspects of mediation

and arbitration and the different skills that the leaders will need to develop if they wish to be useful and helpful to society in dealing with business, social, marriage, family or just general neighborhood disputes or conflicts.

Montgomery **NABE Luminary Award**

Montgomery Bar Association received its fifth Luminary Award from the National Association of Bar Executive's Communication Section in October 2012. This year the MBA won in the Excellence in Marketing category for marketing-communications work completed since June 2011. The MBA's Online Member Resource Center, websites built internally for events such as the 2011 Bench Bar Conference, their weekly "Bar News" e-newsletter and a bi-weekly CLE-Blast were cited as examples. The MBA has received three other national awards in recent years for excellence in public relations and excellence in web design.

Northampton **Funding for Legal Services**

Members of the Northampton County Bar Association approved a contribution of \$50,000 to North Penn Legal Services for 2013. This support will fund employment of a full-time staff attorney at NPLS who will focus on a wide variety of legal issues

affecting low-income people. Resources from IOLTA have been limited by the combined factors of decline in business transactions and extraordinarily low interest rates. NCBA has committed to add its own resources to assist NPLS funding shortfalls.

Bench Bar Conference

The NCBA held a Bench Bar Conference in Philadelphia, along with a swearing-in ceremony at the federal courthouse for both the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and the federal district court. One of the programs was presented by Berks County Judge Arthur E. Grim, author of *Red Flags, Kickback Schemes and Kids for Cash – Why Did No One Stop It?* Another program was presented by New Jersey Superior Court Judge Nelson Johnson, author of "Boardwalk Empire." The conference dinner was held at the Kimmel Center with catering by "Iron Chef" Jose Garces.

CIA Bus Trip

The NCBA Activities Committee scheduled a bus trip to the Culinary Institute of America, which included a tour of the school and kitchens and ended with lunch.

Holiday Hope Chest Project

In 2012, NCBA young lawyers participated in their sixth Holiday Hope Chest project for the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley. The NCBA is the largest provider of "hope chests" — donating over 300 boxes of holiday gifts for distribution to underprivileged children throughout the Lehigh Valley.

Pike

Pike County Bar Association President Elizabeth Erickson Kameen, along with D. Benjamin vanSteenburgh, vice-president; James P. Baron, treasurer; Kelly A. Gaughan, secretary, and Elizabeth Burton, PCBA member, on behalf of the Pike Bar, presented a check for \$20,000 to the United Way of Pike County to replenish Pike County food banks. Catherine Capasso, executive director of the Pike County United

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On the *Local Scene...*



Pike County Bar Association officers with their check to replenish food bank supplies for the Pike County United Way

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Way explained that local food pantries are running out of supplies to help families in need.

Schuylkill Awareness Week Partnerships with County Commissioners

In recognition of the astonishing high cancer rate in Schuylkill County and across the nation, the Schuylkill County Bar Association partnered with county commissioners to declare the week of Oct. 22, 2012, “Schuylkill County Cancer Awareness Week.” The county commissioners issued a formal proclamation, and over 500 “Schuylkill County Cares about Cancer” wristbands were distributed to SCBA members and courthouse employees, who wore the wristbands throughout the week to help raise cancer awareness and the importance of early detection. Participating in the proclamation presentation with the commissioners were several SCBA members of who are cancer survivors, as well as several representatives from local medical centers and physicians’ offices.

In late December 2012 or early January 2013, the SCBA will again be partnering with county commissioners to declare “Schuylkill County Distracted Driver Awareness Week.” School superintendents and county row officers with employees who use school district or county vehicles will be asked to sign a pledge to not text and drive and to refrain from making or taking cell phone calls while driving. Law enforcement from the county-based state police barracks as well as other municipal law enforcement officers have committed to attend the proclamation event.

Past Presidents Luncheon

On Nov. 30, 2012, SCBA President Sudhir R. Patel hosted the bar association’s first past presidents’ luncheon. The event was attended by all 18 surviving past presidents.

Coat Drive

In mid-December 2012 the SCBA wrapped up its annual coat drive. They have collected and distributed more than 2,000 coats through the Salvation Army over the past five years.

Washington Pro Bono Awards

Attorneys Rebecca A. Bowman and David E. Rundquist Jr. are the 2012 recipients of the Washington County Bar Association’s inaugural “Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year” awards. The attorneys were selected by the WCBA’s Pro Bono and Lawyer Referral Services Committee for their outstanding contributions of legal services through organized pro bono programs to the indigent of Washington County. The awards were presented on Oct. 29, 2012, at the association’s annual pro bono recognition and celebration luncheon.

Westmoreland Civics Education Pilot Program

The Westmoreland Bar Association has joined with former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and leaders within the American Bar Association to expand students’ knowledge about civics. In Sept. 2012, retired teacher Diane Persin spent a lunch hour training 12 attorneys and one judge about the way fifth graders learn and what their world looks like in today’s America. The volunteers were paired with participating schools and teachers, and then visited their classrooms to teach the “No Animals in School” lesson, which focused on the importance of rules, the need to live within the community and the idea of democracy. The attorneys will return in early spring to teach a mock trial.

“The WBA board has worked on and off for almost two years to try to get this program launched,” said WBA Executive Director Diane Krivoniak. “With the help of the PBA and [Ms.] Persin, we feel we are giving this pilot program our best effort.”

The WBA board and participating attorneys will evaluate the program after the first year and decide whether to take a more advanced program into high schools, offer it to all fifth grade classrooms or abandon it. But the WBA board sees civics education as a leadership role that they should undertake. ■

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Real Life Financial Planning for Lawyers

Jan. 14, West Chester

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

Understanding Social Security Retirement: Getting the Benefits Your Clients Have Earned

Jan. 23, Doylestown, Erie, West Chester

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

Best of the Oil and Gas Law Colloquium—Central PA

Jan. 24, Allentown, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, Montrose, New Castle, Selinsgrove, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, Waynesburg, Wilkes-Barre, York

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

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

Jan. 25, Allentown, Easton, Greensburg, Johnstown, Lebanon, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York

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

Confidential Informants

Jan. 31, Erie, Media

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

Separation of Church and State — Part of PBI's Public Policy Series

Feb. 1, Allentown, Greensburg, Plymouth Meeting, West Chester

noon to 2 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.,
2 substantive/0 ethics

Negotiating and Drafting the Best Terms for Retail Leases in 2013

Feb. 7, Allentown, Erie, Washington, Wilkes-Barre

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

Presenting a Case to a Zoning Hearing Board in the Burbs

Feb. 12, Allentown, Doylestown, Easton, Erie, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, New Castle, Reading, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, York

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

Allegations of Sexual Misconduct in a Post-Sandusky World: What Educational Institutions and Employers Must Know to Fulfill Their Legal Obligations

Feb. 14, Media

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

SORNA Update:

New Deadlines & New Crimes for SORNA & SORNA Violations

Feb. 19, Erie, Greensburg, Plymouth Meeting, Reading, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre

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

Understanding Damages and Indemnities in Commercial Contracts

Feb. 20, Allentown, Doylestown, Easton, Erie, Greensburg, Johnstown, Media, Reading, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York

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Advanced Storytelling & Presentation Skills

Feb. 21, Allentown, Easton, Greensburg, Mansfield, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York

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

Lights, Camera, Evidence

Feb. 22, Allentown, Erie, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Media, Mill Hall, New Castle, Reading, Selinsgrove, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, Chester,

Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, York

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

The Cybersleuth's Guide to the Internet

Feb. 25, Greensburg, Wilkes-Barre

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

The Changing Face of U.S. Patent Law

Feb. 26, Erie, Plymouth Meeting

noon to 4:45 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.,
4 substantive/0 ethics

Environmental Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing: Dispelling the Myths

Feb. 27, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Mansfield, Mill Hall, Montrose, New Castle, Selinsgrove, Warren, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport

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

ERISA UPDATE

Feb. 28, Doylestown, West Chester

noon to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.,
3 substantive/1 ethics

Special Needs Trusts

March 1, Allentown, Chambersburg, Erie, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, Montrose, New Castle, Reading, Uniontown, Warren, Washington, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, York

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

Law and Policy in Obama's Second Term

March 4, Allentown, Greensburg, Wilkes-Barre

noon to 2 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.,
2 substantive/0 ethics

Police Misconduct and the Defense of Criminal Cases

March 5, Allentown, Erie, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Honesdale, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Media, Mill Hall, New Castle, Reading, Uniontown, Warren, Wilkes-Barre, York

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Medical Malpractice Update

March 6, Doylestown

noon to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.,
3 substantive/1 ethics

Gifted Due Process: A Hearing Officer's Perspective

March 7, Wilkes-Barre

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

Gifted Due Process: A Hearing Officer's Perspective

March 7, Allentown, Erie, Reading, Wilkes-Barre

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

eDiscovery, Computer Forensics and the Cloud

March 11, Greensburg, Wilkes-Barre

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

Antitrust Law: Beyond the Basics

March 12, Doylestown

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

Instant Access: Making Great & Lasting First Impressions (morning program); Influence: The Art and Science of Changing Minds (afternoon program)

March 13, Allentown, Greensburg, Johnstown, Meadville, Mill Hall, Wilkes-Barre

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

Best Practices in Pretrial Litigation in the Federal Courts II

March 14, Allentown, Lebanon, Reading

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

Technethics

March 15, Allentown, Easton, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Lebanon, Mansfield, Reading, Stroudsburg, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, York

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

Understanding the Basics of Elder Law

March 18, Butler, Greensburg, Lebanon, Media, New Castle, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, York

9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
5 substantive/1 ethics

eCommerce: Legal and Practical Issues

March 19, Allentown, Wilkes-Barre,

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

Integrity: Good People, Bad Choices & Life Lessons from the White House

March 20, Doylestown, Greensburg, Plymouth Meeting, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre

12:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.; check-in at noon,
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Leading Like Lincoln

March 20, Doylestown, Greensburg, Plymouth Meeting, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre

8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.,
0 substantive/3 ethics

26th Annual Civil Litigation Update

March 21, Allentown, Doylestown, Erie, Greensburg, Hollidaysburg, Indiana, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, Montrose, New Castle, Reading, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, Waynesburg, West Chester, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, York

9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.,
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From File to Trial: 8 Keys to Success in Court and Beyond

March 22, Allentown, Erie, Greensburg, Montrose, Plymouth Meeting, Reading, Wilkes-Barre

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.,
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International Business Institute

March 28, Allentown, Wilkes-Barre

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

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The Pennsylvania Bar Association will use the 2013 Law Day theme selected by the American Bar Association, "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All." You can learn more about the Law Day theme on the ABA web site: www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education.html.

Watch the PBA web site, www.pabar.org/lre.asp, for Law Day 2013 information, lessons and resources.

Remember you can order pocket U.S. Constitutions and gavel pencils at any time throughout the year. Please contact Susan Etter, PBA education and special projects coordinator, at 800-932-0311, Ext. 2256 or susan.etter@pabar.org, for information.

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