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## PBA Adds Coordinator of Law-Related Education

While law-related education (LRE) has always been a priority for the Pennsylvania Bar Association, in November 2006, the PBA created a new position: coordinator of law-related education. As of June 1, Andrew J. Martin has taken up those duties. Andrew is no stranger to the PBA, having served previously as meetings coordinator under Sandra Minner and Wendy Loranzo.

The Pennsylvania Bar Association's law-related education programs are designed to help Pennsylvania schools lay a foundation for teaching civics and government in the classroom. The PBA partners with national civic education organizations, local bar associations, judges and lawyers to accomplish this goal. Cornerstone LRE projects include Celebrate the Constitution, Project PEACE, Law Day and Operation Safe Surf. The office of coordinator of law-related education serves as a repository of information on these projects and more, and is a valuable resource for county bar associations who may already be involved, or who wish to become involved.

Andrew said, "The PBA, and I in particular, ask that you take a few moments in the coming weeks to browse through our online synopses of these programs and consider how you might participate."

The Web site for PBA law-related education is [www.pabar.org/public/education/educationprograms.asp](http://www.pabar.org/public/education/educationprograms.asp).

Of how he came to law-related education, Andrew said, "I come from a family of public educators. On many occasions, I have gone into my parents' classrooms to observe how they operate and to teach lessons as a guest instructor. My own educational background is in English and American Studies, which I pursued as an undergraduate at Princeton University. I have a keen interest in promoting the kind of classroom instruction that helps young people grasp their rights and responsibilities as citizens, as well as equipping them to actively participate in public affairs. I hope that you, as PBA members and members of your respective county bars, will help me maintain and grow our LRE programming with your time and talent.

"I look forward to continuing to serve the PBA membership in this exciting new role. I encourage you all to use my office as a reference."



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# Lawyer Advertising Campaign Deemed a Success; August 3 Deadline Set for Fall

Television and radio commercials featuring how lawyers can help clients in starting a business or in taking care of an elderly parent debuted across the state in April and ran throughout the beginning of May as part of a joint Pennsylvania Bar Association and county bar association public education initiative.

Three 30-second “You Have Rights. Lawyers Protect Them” commercials, developed by the PBA Public Relations Task Force Implementation Committee, communicated positive messages about lawyers via network and cable television and radio throughout the commonwealth.

“We have received outstanding feedback about the commercials and about the cooperation we have received from the various television and radio stations,” said PBA Immediate Past President Kenneth J. Horoho Jr. “The commercials have been a valuable tool in our efforts to promote public confidence in our legal profession, and the commitment and participation of our county bar associations in this program has been key to its success.”

“We were very excited to partner with the PBA for the campaign,” said Kathleen Sabol, executive director, Washington County Bar Association. “In fact, we have wanted to participate in this campaign since it was just a glimmer of an idea several years ago. We always wanted to do television ads but didn’t have the budget to support them on our own.”

Even though the campaign was not

specifically intended to generate lawyer referrals, Sabol said the commercials, particularly the radio spots, generated phone calls to her association from viewers and listeners wanting more information.

Nancy Paul, executive director of the Montgomery Bar Association, said the effort also drew comments from lawyers themselves.

“Our leadership was pleased with the positive member feedback from the campaign,” said Paul. “We’d like to see more local bars participating and hope that public education efforts will continue for several years or longer.”

The following county bar associations partnered with the PBA for the spring leg of the campaign:

Allegheny  
Beaver  
Bucks  
Butler  
Cambria  
Cameron  
Centre  
Chester  
Clinton  
Delaware  
Erie  
Indiana

Lawrence  
Lycoming  
Mercer  
Monroe  
Montgomery  
Northampton  
Pike  
Schuylkill  
Washington  
Westmoreland  
York

Planning for a second phase of the campaign to run in October is now underway. Horoho said letters requesting the participation of those county bar associa-

tions that had not signed up for the spring campaign were sent to bar presidents in late May. As of press time, bar associations from Fayette County, Northumberland County, Wayne County and the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association had come on board for the fall campaign. **The deadline for making a commitment to participate in the fall campaign is August 3, 2007.**

For an investment of \$7 per PBA member, participating local bar associations’ names will be included in the spots and their additional dollars will be used to purchase more commercial time on stations covering participants’ counties. The PBA will continue to work with media buyer Gene Kolber to purchase the air time and to secure extras, including Web placements and lawyer interviews, in some media markets.

The PBA is investing \$400,000 in the two campaigns, an amount that includes a generous grant from the Pennsylvania Bar Trust.

The commercials can be viewed by visiting the PBA Web site at [www.pabar.org/public/youhaverights.asp](http://www.pabar.org/public/youhaverights.asp).

For more information about the campaign, contact PBA Communications Director Marcy C. Mallory at (800) 932-0311, Ext. 2247 or PBA Communications Manager Jeff Gingerich at Ext. 2216. ■

## PBA Commercials Win Telly Award

The Pennsylvania Bar Association’s “You Have Rights. Lawyers Protect Them.” television commercials have won a prestigious Telly Award, which honors the best local, regional and cable television commercials and programs.

The three 30-second spots communicating positive messages about the work of lawyers were selected by top advertising and production professionals as

among the best from over 14,000 entries from all 50 states and five continents.

The PBA Public Relations Task Force Implementation Committee and PBA Communications Department staff worked closely with Harrisburg-based JPL Productions on the creation and production of the spots. To view the winning commercials, go to [www.pabar.org/public/youhaverights.asp](http://www.pabar.org/public/youhaverights.asp). ■



# How to Request a Grant

There are two funds from which grants can be given — the Trust Fund and the Insurance Fund. The Pennsylvania Bar Trust Fund is the charitable arm of the PBA. It considers grant requests that “promote educational and charitable purposes associated with the legal profession and the administration of justice with particular reference to the promotion of such purposes in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.”

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

When submitting a request for a grant from the Pennsylvania Bar Trust Fund or Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund, county bar associations must follow the policy and procedures outlined below.

## Policy for Approval of Grants

The Trust Fund shall approve only such grants that “promote educational and charitable purposes associated with the legal profession and the administration of justice ... with particular reference to the promotion of such purposes in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.”

The Insurance Fund shall approve only such grants that are designed to help reduce the incidence of malpractice and to provide loss-control programs that will help lawyers practice better and have fewer incidents of malpractice.

In the furtherance of this policy, the trustees shall approve grants in the following categories:

1. Requests for commencement of a new project in conformance with the purposes of the Trust.
2. Such programs in conformance with the purpose stated above that are sponsored directly by the Trust, whether new or continuing.

## Procedure for Application for Grant

Each application for grant funds from the Pennsylvania Bar Trust must follow the guidelines below:

1. Be received 30 days prior to each meeting in order that the request can be circulated to the trustees. The trustees generally meet twice a year. Please contact PBA Governance Manager Sandra Graver to find out the deadline for submission of grant requests.
2. Contain information relating to the purpose of the grant; benefits derived; population to be served and the amount requested, supported by a detailed budget. This is necessary to determine whether the grant meets the objectives of the Trust.
3. Establish the fact it is a “seed money” request for the commencement of a new project, except for Trust-sponsored programs.

If the above criteria are met, all grants will be forwarded to the Grants Committee for review. It will determine whether the grant is appropriate and if the money should come from loss-control funds or from the charitable Trust.

## Approval of Grant

Upon determination of approval or rejection of the grant application, the grantee will be notified in writing by the secretary of the Trust. This letter shall state approval or the reason(s) for rejection, and in the case of approval, instructions for requesting the funds.

Grant funds will only be distributed upon the proper completion of a “Request for Payment” form. These forms will be supplied with your approval letter (local reproduction is permitted).

## Disbursements of Grant Funds

Grant funds not expended within one year or within the time period applied for in the grant request shall revert to the Trust Fund or Insurance Fund. Notice thereof shall be given to the grantee and if no satisfactory reason for the delay is provided to the Trust Fund or Insurance Fund by the next scheduled meeting of the Trust, for reinstatement of the grant, the funds so allocated will be made available for other purposes.

## Status Reports

Grants are generally given for a one-year period. If at the end of that one-year period, the grant funds have not been expended, the grantee is contacted and asked if they require a six-month extension. If, after the end of that extension, the grantee still has not expended the grant funds, a request is made regarding the status of the project to determine the need for its continuation. In some instances, a second six-month extension is granted. All unexpended funds remaining at the conclusion or discontinuance of the project shall revert to the fund.

## Grant Refund Policy

The Trustees of the Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund and Trust adopted the following policy relating to grants by either the Pennsylvania Bar Trust Fund or Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund at their April 17, 1999 meeting:

In the event of the sales materials developed or produced with the use of funds from a Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund grant or a Pennsylvania Bar Trust Fund grant, all proceeds of the sales, after deduction of actual reproduction costs of the materials sold, shall be refunded to the Fund making the grant provided that:

- a. The amount of any total refund shall not exceed the total amount of the grant,
- b. This policy shall be applicable to all grants approved on and after April 15, 1999, unless otherwise specifically provided in the specific grant, and
- c. This Resolution does not address other types of reimbursements, which will be reviewed on a grant-by-grant basis.

The Trustees will meet next on Sept. 29, 2007, and grant requests are due no later than Aug. 29, 2007. Grant requests should be directed to the attention of PBA Governance Manager Sandra L. Graver. For more information about submitting grant requests, contact Sandra at (800) 932-0311, Ext. 2221; P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186 or via e-mail at [sandra.graver@pabar.org](mailto:sandra.graver@pabar.org). ■



# On the *Local Scene*...

## **Beaver**

### **Law Day**

The Beaver County Bar Association celebrated Law Day on April 30 at the bar building. Members from the bench, the Mock Trial Committee, the Board of Governors, BCBA Law Day Poster and Essay Contest judges and BCBA staff were among the approximately 90 attendees. The Pennsylvania Bar Association kicked off its statewide "Law Day" festivities at the Beaver County Bar Association, honoring their "I Signed the Constitution" poster contest winner, Jennifer Medarac, a seventh-grade student from Divine Mercy Academy in Beaver Falls. PBA President Kenneth J. Horoho, Jr., Pennsylvania Bar Foundation President Karen Balaban and PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Keller Trevaskis also participated in the festivities.

### **Stepping Out**

More than 20 members of the Beaver County bench and bar presented the 2007 Stepping Out program through April and May to more than 2,000 graduating seniors at 16 Beaver County high schools. This program, offered every spring, provides a booklet that informs students of their legal rights as adults, and fosters an appreciation of their responsibilities.

## **Berks**

### **Public Relations**

The Berks County Bar Association recently updated its public relations campaign with billboards, newspaper ads and television commercials with its new Web site address. The association has also started a Federal Practice and Procedure Section and a Diversity Committee.

## **Bucks**

### **Casino Night for Charity**

The Bucks County Bar Association Charitable Foundation held its inaugural Casino Night, which included dinner, drinks and \$100 in playing chips. Proceeds benefited the Foundation and Woods Services, which provides residential, educa-

tional and vocational support and services to more than 1,000 people with special needs and challenges.

## **Carbon**

### **Law Day**

The Young Lawyers Division of the Carbon County Bar Association presented its Law Day program in the county courthouse. High school students and members of the public heard jury instructions and addresses from President Judge Roger N. Nanovic II and members of the bar association, followed by a mock criminal trial where students served as the jury.

## **Chester**

### **School Violence Forum**

The Chester County Bar Association presented a public forum entitled "It Can Happen Here ... Violence in our Schools" on legal and practical issues related to school violence. The forum addressed events from Columbine to Nickel Mines to Springfield High School, what is being done in Chester County to prevent such violence, Constitutional issues and student rights, civil liability for school districts, protection inside and outside school buildings, communication policies, dealing with the aftermath, etc. The public was invited and CLE credits were available to the legal community.

### **Charity Golf Tournament**

The Chester County Bar Foundation celebrated its Seventh Annual Golf Classic on May 22 at Applebrook Golf Club in Malvern. Tournament sponsor representative John Featherman, along with his committee and the staff of the Chester County Bar Association, raised over \$100,000 for the Foundation's endowment fund. After the day of golf, attendees took part in a cocktail reception, seafood feast, live auction and golf awards presentation.

### **Law Day**

Reminding us of our role in society and our liberties under the Constitution, the Chester County Bar Association celebrat-

ed Law Day 2007 with this year's theme of "Liberty Means Responsibility." Law Day Committee Chair Elizabeth Silvia Wood presided over the event at the West Chester Country Club. The winning students from Chester County schools, grades one through 12, were presented with awards for outstanding essays and posters, while parents, teachers, elected officials and members of the CCBA were present to congratulate them. Lynn Mander, senior vice president and chief investment officer, Wealth Management Division of First National Bank of West Chester, was the keynote speaker. PECO was the event sponsor.

Attorney Donald F. Kohler Jr. presented the Charles E. Swope Scholarship Award in recognition of academic and extracurricular accomplishments in conjunction with the outstanding essay. The Chester County Bar Foundation offered a matching grant to a nonprofit organization, giving the winning student the honor of choosing the recipient. Legal Aid of Chester County was this year's recipient.

## **Clinton**

### **Law Day**

The Clinton County Bar Association held its annual Law Day luncheon in association with the Lock Haven Kiwanis Club. Keynote speaker was Clinton County Court of Common Pleas President Judge Richard N. Saxton Jr., who spoke on the juvenile justice system.

### **Judicial Ratings**

The Clinton County Bar Association also conducted membership ratings of judicial candidates for the May elections.

## **Columbia/Montour**

### **Stepping Out**

The Columbia Montour Bar Association presented a day-long Stepping Out program to high school seniors. Topics included contract matters, rental agreements, consumer credit, civil litigation and criminal penalties for drug and alcohol offenses.



## Cumberland

### Baseball Game Outing

The Cumberland County Bar Association's yearly trip to an afternoon Harrisburg Senators baseball game was well attended.

### Young Lawyers Division Casino Night

The Victory Circle's Reach Program for children was chosen as the Cumberland County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Casino Night charity. The program helps underprivileged children in the Carlisle area learn how to express themselves through dance. Victory Circle provides an after-school program, assists children with homework and provides computers for homework.

### New ADR Program

The new Cumberland County Bar Association ADR Program has processed its first two cases.

## Dauphin

### Bench/Bar Conference

The Dauphin County Bar Association held its 2007 Biennial Bench/Bar Conference at Baltimore's Inner Harbor on April 20-22, featuring presentations titled "Professionalism," by Pa. Supreme Court Justice J. Michael Eakin; "Achieving Balance at the Speed of Life," and a panel presentation by Dauphin County Common Pleas Court judges. Other highlights of the weekend included a "high tea" with Pa. Superior Court Judge Kate Ford-Elliott, a Young Lawyers luncheon with the judges and a DVD performance by the "Not Ready For Prime-Time Players."

### Law Day Dinner

PBA President-Elect (at the time) Andrew F. Susko was the guest speaker at the annual DCBA Law Day Dinner Meeting. Kirk Hallett, founder and director of the Joshua Group, received the 2007 DCBA Liberty Bell Award at the event.

### "Going Back To School"

Sixty-four lawyers and two judges visited 104 classrooms as part of the Dauphin County Bar Association's 2007 "Going

Back To School" program in May. Additionally, 27 lawyers and 13 support volunteers participated in the annual Law Week "Ask A Lawyer" program at the Strawberry Square office and shopping complex.

### YLD Volleyball League

The 2007 Dauphin County Bar Association Volleyball League, sponsored by the Young Lawyers Section, began in May with 27 teams and 383 players. The season extends through an August tournament and picnic, and is one of the most popular bar association traditions.

### New Admittee Program

Newly admitted attorneys were hosted by Dauphin County Row Officers for a courthouse tour as part of a program sponsored by the Young Lawyers Section. The evening featured a roundtable discussion on ethics and professionalism with Common Pleas Court judges.

### Senior Lawyers Dinner Cruise

The DCBA Senior Lawyers Section hosted their annual evening dinner cruise on May 24 aboard the "Pride of the Susquehanna" riverboat.

## Delaware

### Bench Bar Conference

Members of the Delaware County Bar Association gathered with other members of the bench and bar at their 35th Annual Bench Bar Conference, June 13-15. The conference featured two guest speakers on the topic of judicial independence: Judge Maureen Lally-Green of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and Judge John E. Jones III, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Jones rendered the 2005 verdict in *Kitzmiller v. Dover Board of Education*, which pitted the teaching of intelligent design (sometimes known as "creationism") against the teaching of evolution. Taking place in a small Pennsylvania school district, the case had national repercussions.

This year's conference provided Judges Jones and Lally-Green the opportunity to speak about the purpose of the judiciary and why judicial independence is so vital, the rule of law, the role of precedent and about topics important not only to judges, but also those important to the public.

### Law Day

The Delaware County Bar Association held its official Law Day ceremony at the county courthouse with featured speaker Bill Bergey, a former Philadelphia Eagle and five-time NFL Pro Bowl linebacker. The event culminated a year where DCBA members volunteered in activities to help focus the younger members of the community on the principles of freedom and democracy. Some of those activities included a mock trial, as well as legal forums presented by judges and attorneys.

## Erie

### Law Day 5K Run/Walk

The Erie Bar Association and the Erie Runners Club held their Fourth Annual Law Day 5K Run/Walk. The race benefits both the bar association's Attorney and Kids Together program, and the Runners Club scholarship program.

## Franklin

### YLD Law Day Mock Trial

Attorneys from the Young Lawyers Division of the Franklin County Bar Association portrayed the prosecution, defense and witnesses in the 2007 Law Day mock trial, held May 4 at the county courthouse in Chambersburg. About 100 middle and high school students from throughout the county attended the trial, and a dozen students were chosen to serve as the jury. Court of Common Pleas Judge Richard Walsh presided over the trial. The Law Day mock trial is one of several projects the YLD conducts each year.

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# On the *Local Scene...*



Front row: Lackawanna Bar Association Law Day Event Chair George E. Seig; back row, left to right: President Judge Chester T. Harhut, Judge Robert A. Mazzoni, Professor Sherman Wooden, Judge Trish Corbett and Lackawanna Bar Association President Michael A. Genello

## Lackawanna

### Posthumous Admittance Ceremony

On Law Day 2007, Lackawanna Bar Association President Michael A. Genello, along with event chairman George E. Seig and Judge Robert A. Mazzoni, conducted a ceremony on the front steps of Scranton's city hall to posthumously admit Justice Jonathan Jasper Wright as a member of the LBA in perpetuity.

Wright, the son of runaway slaves, was born in 1840 in Luzerne County, which at that time, Lackawanna County was part of. Wright attempted to stand the Pennsylvania bar but was unable to do so, presumably because of his race. He eventually became the first black lawyer admitted to practice in Pennsylvania. He was also admitted to the South Carolina Bar, and eventually was elected to its Supreme Court in 1870, making Wright the first African-American appellate judge in the United States.

The event featured a rendition of "America the Beautiful" by West Scranton's Intermediate School Chorus, and local Girl Scouts as flag bearers. Presentations were made by the University of Scranton's Professor Sherman Wooden, president of the Center for Anti-Slavery

Studies, and by Judge Trish Corbett of the Lackawanna Court of Common Pleas.

## Lawrence

### Law Day

The Lawrence County Bar Association held a Law Day Essay Contest on "Whether or not public school officials have the legal authority to discipline students for off-school-grounds speech with which public school officials disagree." Other Law Day activities included guest speaker Bruce Ledewicz, a Duquesne School of Law professor; a speech from County President Judge Dominick Motto; the awarding of several scholarships and the presentation of the Lawrence County Pro Bono Award.

## Monroe

### Law Day

The Monroe County Bar Association annual Law Day activities began with a Fairy Tale Trial for fifth grade students gathered in the five courtrooms of the Monroe County Courthouse. Spectators watched as the commonwealth presented its case against Robin Hood, who was charged with theft. At the end of a well-presented case, Hood was declared innocent of all charges and released.

The ceremonies continued with the reading of the first-place essay by John E. Linder from Pocono Mountain High School East. The topic was "Should affirmative action policies which give preferential treatment based on minority status be eliminated?"

U.S. Marine Master Sgt. Robert Yarnell was announced as the 2007 Liberty Bell Award Winner. Yarnell, a veteran of the Gulf War, is a former recruiter, guest lecturer, volunteer coach, teacher and author and has also been instrumental in administering the "Toys for Tots" program.

The 24th Annual Law Day Race took place on April 29. The five-mile race benefited the Pocono Mountain Kidney Foundation and was sponsored by the MCBA in memory of attorney Lester T. Brown.

### Support Staff Luncheon

On May 17, the Monroe County Bar Association hosted a Support Staff Luncheon at the Bar Center. Thirty-two secretaries and courthouse staff members attended the event.

### YLD Cancer Support Award

The Monroe County Team YLD was honored with a luncheon and presented with an award in acknowledgement of their winning first place in the Team Spirit category, raising over \$2,500 to assist the American Cancer Society's programs in cancer research and patient support.

## Montgomery

### Golf Classic for Legal Aid

The 11th Annual 2007 Montgomery Bar Association Golf Classic took place May 18 at Meadowlands Country Club in Blue Bell and, with matching MBA funds, raised over \$17,000 for Legal Aid of Southeastern PA. The annual Golf Classic is one of several events that the association organizes to raise money for Legal Aid — last year, members of the Montgomery County legal community and the bar association raised upwards of \$100,000. Flexible Benefits Plans, Inc. and Canon Business Solutions were among the presenting sponsors; dozens of law firms and area businesses sponsored tees and greens.

## Northampton

### Law Day

The Northampton County Bar Association's 2007 Law Day program hosted close to 400 children, teachers and chaperones, with over 25 volunteers participating in presenting the event. The Law Day Committee created five different presentations for the students to rotate through. The first was a Mock Guilty Plea



Hearing, presided over by Judge Paula Ann Roscioli. The second program, prepared and presented by law clerks, included students going through the *voir dire* process. Northampton County Deputy Sheriff George Volpe presented a program on gang awareness. The “CSI Northampton County” presentation team included Northampton County Coroner Zachery Lysek, accident reconstructionist Corporal Christopher Lingle of the Pa. State Police and Investigator Jeffrey Mauer of the City of Bethlehem Police Department, a forensic specialist who focused on fingerprinting at a crime scene. The most popular program was the “Canines Out for Justice” program. Officer Daniel Barsnica of the Bethlehem Township Police Department brought a police dog that specializes in searching for drugs. The students truly enjoyed when the “volunteer” (another officer) was attacked by “Castro,” the police dog.

Once again, the bar association created a curriculum guide, which was mailed to teachers in advance. The students were thus well-versed in the vocabulary of the day and understood how a defendant gets to the guilty plea hearing, saving a lot of explanation time for the presenters.

#### **Admissions Ceremony**

A “first” for Northampton County was a joint court admissions ceremony held on May 18 in Easton. Judge Franklin S. VanAntwerpen of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, along with Judge James Knoll Gardner of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and U.S. Magistrate Judge Henry Perkin, presided over the admissions of over 30 attorneys into the courts.

#### **“Operation Safe Surf”**

The NCBA Service to the Public Committee has been presenting the Pa. Attorney General’s “Operation Safe Surf” program to schools and community groups. Attorneys have presented the program to over 1,300 students and over 250 adults. On one Friday morning alone, six attorneys presented the program to over 700

sixth graders during three sessions. The children asked some great questions about the Internet and now have a greater understanding of not only how, but also why, to be more careful with their Internet communications.

### **Northumberland**

#### **Law Day**

The Northumberland County Bar Association hosted a Law Day program for the business law class at Southern Columbia Area High School.

### **Philadelphia**

#### **5K Run and 5K Walk for Charity**

The Philadelphia Bar Association held a 5K Run and 5K Walk, with proceeds going to the Support Center of Child Advocates, whose mission is to protect children who have been abused.

### **Pike**

#### **Memorial Service**

The Pike County Bar Association held a memorial service for the late Magisterial Justice William N. Sanquilly. It was the first such courthouse memorial held by the bar association for a non-attorney.

### **Schuylkill**

#### **Portrait Dedication**

The Schuylkill County Bar Association dedicated portraits of past association presidents Edward M. Brennan and Lora J. McDonald in the law library of the county courthouse.

### **Somerset**

#### **Law Day**

The Somerset County Bar Association held its Law Day presentation ceremony before all three county judges. Ninth-grade students and students taking a ninth-grade civics class participated in the bar association’s program of attorney-conducted courthouse tours. The students then wrote essays based on their impressions of the tour. The five essay winners read their compositions into the court record.

### **Warren/Forest**

#### **Law Day Mock Trial**

As part of their Law Day events, The Warren and Forest County Bar Association held a mock criminal trial for county students.

### **Westmoreland**

#### **Law School Scholarships**

The Westmoreland Bar Foundation will award three law school scholarships to county residents for the fall 2007 school year. The Wayne R. Donahue Memorial Scholarship and Donald Laird Hankey Memorial Scholarship, named for bar association members, as well as the Hon. David H. Weiss Memorial Scholarship, will help students with up to \$5,100 toward law school expenses.

### **Wyoming/Sullivan**

#### **Annual Dinner**

At its annual dinner recognizing outstanding service, the Wyoming/Sullivan Counties Bar Association presented its pro bono award to Monroe Township attorney Christopher Kule.

### **Wilkes-Barre/Luzerne**

#### **Appellate Advocacy CLE**

The Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association/Luzerne County Bar Association presented a continuing legal education course on appellate advocacy, featuring Superior Court Judges Correale F. Stevens and Jack Panella and Commonwealth Court Judges Robin Simpson and Renee Cohn Jubelirer.

### **York**

#### **Minority Scholarship**

The York County Bar Association’s Diversity Committee, the Bar Association and Foundation, the Inns of Court and the Lafayette Club are sponsoring a scholarship for a local minority student who intends to study law. The fundraising committee will auction two commemorative footballs in its efforts to raise \$10,000 for the scholarship. ■

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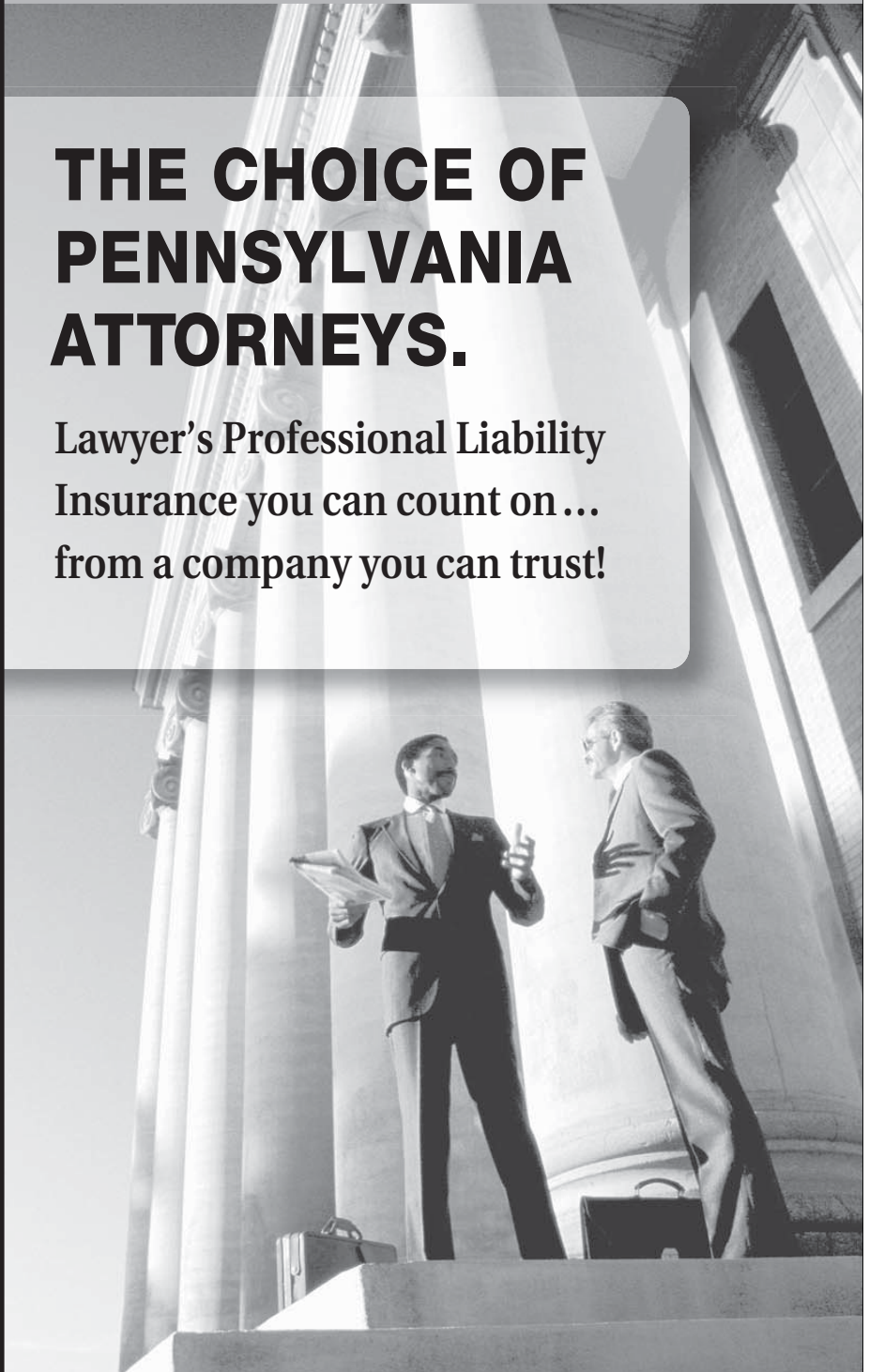
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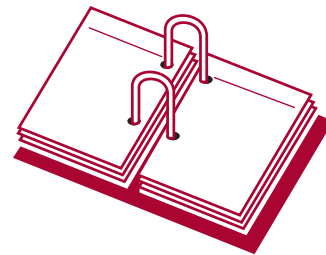
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## Mark Your Calendars:



**August 3, 2007  
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Seven Springs Mountain  
Resort, Champion

**August 3-5, 2007  
PBA YOUNG LAWYERS  
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RETREAT/  
NEW ADMITTEE  
CONFERENCE**

Seven Springs Mountain  
Resort, Champion

**August 8-15, 2007  
NABE/ABA  
ANNUAL MEETING  
San Francisco, CA**

**October 5-7, 2007  
PABE RETREAT  
Bedford Springs Hotel,  
Bedford**

**November 29, 2007  
PBA COMMITTEE/  
SECTION DAY  
Holiday Inn East,  
Harrisburg**

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# Courses from the Pennsylvania Bar Institute

Here is a listing of courses being offered by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. Dates, times and locations are subject to change. Contact PBI's Customer Service Department for more information at (800) 932-4637, (800) 247-4724 or (717) 796-0804 or visit their Web site at [www.pbi.org](http://www.pbi.org).

## *Atlantic City — CLE Down the Shore*

**Tort Law Update 2007**, Thurs., Aug. 16, 2007; 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon; registration at 8:00 a.m.; 3 CLE credits (substantive)

**Primer on Family Law for Attorneys Who Hate Family Law But Get Questions**, Thurs., Aug. 16, 2007; 1:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; registration at 12:45 p.m.; 3 CLE credits (substantive)

**Morning on Real Estate**, Fri., Aug. 17, 2007; 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon; registration at 8:00 a.m.; 3 CLE credits (substantive)

**Real World Ethics Problems**, Fri., Aug. 17, 2007; 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.; registration at 11:45 a.m.; 1 CLE credit (ethics)

**Exploring Selected Constitutional Issues**, Fri., Aug. 17, 2007; 1:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.; registration at 1:00 p.m.; 3 CLE credits (substantive)

## *Camp Hill*

**Exceptional Children Conference 2007**, Mon., Sept. 17, 2007; 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; registration at 8:00 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics)

## *Hershey*

**10th Annual Elder Law Institute**, Thurs., July 19, 2007; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; registration at 7:45 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics)

**10th Annual Elder Law Institute**, Fri., July 20, 2007; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; registration at 7:45 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics)

**23rd Annual Workers' Compensation Fall Section Meeting 2007**, Thurs., Sept. 20, 2007; 2:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.; registration at 1:00 p.m.; Fri., Sept. 21, 2007; 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; registration at 7:30 a.m.; 7 CLE credits (6 substantive/1 ethics\*) *\*Must attend entire program (Thurs. & Fri.) to receive the 7 credits.*

## *Norristown*

**Retirement Planning for Lawyers**, Wed., Aug. 29, 2007; 12:00 noon to 3:15 p.m.; registration at 11:30 a.m.; 3 CLE credits (2 substantive/1 ethics)

## *Wilkes-Barre*

**12th Annual Bankruptcy Institute**, Tues., Sept. 11, 2007; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; registration at 8:30 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics)

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<i>Mansfield</i>	<i>West Decatur</i>
<i>Mechanicsburg</i>	<i>Wilkes-Barre</i>
<i>Media</i>	<i>Williamsport</i>
<i>Mill Hall</i>	

**Defending the Back Injury Claim**, Tues., Aug. 14, 2007; 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; registration at 8:00 a.m.; 4 CLE credits (substantive)

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**Fundamentals of Estate & Trust Administration**, Wed., Sept. 19, 2007; 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; registration at 8:00 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics\*) *\*Must attend entire program to receive ethics*

## PBA Committee Sign-up Reminder

PBA Members are reminded not to forget to sign up for a PBA committee relating to their interests in specific areas of the law. The PBA Web site provides a convenient online signup form at [www.pabar.org/public/Membership/application.asp](http://www.pabar.org/public/Membership/application.asp).

Even if a member is already on a committee, he or she needs to sign-up each year. Failure to do so will result in the member's name being purged from the committee's roles.

# Adams County Adds Exec. Director

In March, Cecelia Brown added to her existing responsibilities for the Adams County Bar Association the newly created role of executive director. Cecelia has been the law librarian for the county since 1997 and has held the combined position of law librarian and assistant business manager for the Adams County Journal since 1998.



Cecelia Brown

A native of California, Cecelia holds a B.A. in French from Humboldt State University and a A.M.L.S. from University of Michigan. She has worked as librarian in public, academic and special libraries.

Cecelia lives with her husband and children on a circa.1830s farm, continuously owned and occupied by her husband's family in western Adams County. ■

# New Executive Director and New Office for Butler County

Beginning in April, Dr. Lynn Sasala assumed the duties of executive director for the Butler County Bar Association. She comes to the position after retirement from 35 years in education. Dr. Sasala taught secondary mathematics for 17 years and was an administrator for 18 years, serving in roles from principal to assistant to the superintendent for the Deer Lakes and Leechburg school districts.

Lynn earned her degrees from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Westminster College and the University of Pittsburgh. In addition to being National Science Foundation and Yeager scholars, she was the 2003 Armstrong-Indiana Intermediate Unit Educator of the Year. She also serves as the chair of the Municipal Authority of Buffalo Township.

Lynn, wife of the late Richard Sasala, has one son. She resides in Sarver.

In conjunction with adding Dr. Lynn Sasala as executive director, for the first time in its 107 year history, the Butler County Bar Association has a home. In the past, the bar association has met or held classes at restaurants, hotels and meeting rooms as needed. The grand opening of the association's first office was held June 13 in conjunction with the association's quarterly meeting.

Pam Walters, Butler County Bar Association president, said all 146 association members are welcome to use the office,

which includes two suites and a private meeting room, as their "space away from home." If, for example, an attorney has to be at the courthouse in the morning and then later in the day, she could use the space to do office work or research in between the courthouse appointments. Attorneys may also rent the suites to take depositions. Continuing legal education classes will also be held at the new location.

The new space, which is leased, also gives the association its first opportunity to display a map of the county from 1858 donated by attorney Clark Painter in the 1960s. Flags for the new office were donated and dedicated by attorney Michael Gallagher's family and Children of the American Revolution.

Local radio station WISR was on location during the association's open house to introduce the monthly broadcast of the Ask the Lawyer Program staffed by Butler County lawyers.

The intent of the Butler County Bar is to have its presence felt figuratively and literally "on Main Street." The bar association's first Web page will be operational by the end of July and the bar is developing a lawyer referral service. ■

*The Butler County Bar Association is now located at 201 South Main Street, Butler.*

# PABE Meeting Recap

*By Becky Morgenthal, Executive Director, Cumberland County Bar Association and PABE President*

During the PBA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on June 21, the Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives held a business meeting with a full agenda, including presentations by several guests, and updates regarding ongoing projects.

- PBA Executive Director Barry Simpson gave highlights of the issues facing the House of Delegates, including a potential dues increase.
- Sallie Mundy, PBA Foundation Trust representative, came with news that the Trust has additional grant monies available for the fall application period.
- Mark Shuey from the Pennsylvania Bar Institute provided an update on PBI's efforts and success with the new long-distance learning education programs.
- PBA President-elect C. Dale McClain advised that he is beginning to prepare for his year as PBA president and asked for suggestions.
- PBA County Bar Services Director Michelle Shuker demonstrated how to make updates to local bar association officer information on the County Bar Leaders Directory on the PBA Web site.
- Allegheny County Bar Association Executive Director David Blaner and Monroe County Bar Association Executive Director Susan Kenny provided a brief update on the renewed legislative effort to pass a sales tax bill on professional services.

Additionally, the PABE Retreat was confirmed for the Bedford Springs Hotel on Oct. 5-7, 2007.

If you weren't able to make the meeting, this is what you missed. See you at the Retreat! ■

# Share Your Impressions of CCBL

By Michelle Shuker

With five months having passed since CCBL '07, the CCBL Executive Committee and I thought it would be beneficial to reflect on the event to ponder its strengths and weaknesses. CCBL has a goal of providing a centralized educational and social forum for bar executives and local bar association officers. The educational goals are dual: provide incoming bar association officers with insight into how to make the greatest impact on the local organization during their tenure, and provide bar executives with information designed to aid in the long-term management of their association. Organizing one event with two distinct educational goals is a rewarding challenge. As the needs of bar officers and bar executives change over the years, we want to be sure to be satisfying your needs and expectations. In order to check that we are providing a valuable experience, we developed the evaluation form at right. In the constant effort to provide a technologically competitive environment, this survey is also found at [www.pabar.org/polls/countybar/ccbl07.asp](http://www.pabar.org/polls/countybar/ccbl07.asp). Please take a few minutes to respond, we will all benefit from constructive comments. ■

What do you remember most clearly from the event?

What portion of the event was the most beneficial?

What portion of the event was the least beneficial?

Have you referred to the CCBL 2007 binder since the seminar?

If you have referred to the binder, did you use the paper binder or the CD?

Did you refer to material from a CLE seminar? Please describe:

Did you refer to material that was not included with a CLE? Please describe:

Is there anything that you would have liked to have seen in the binder that was not included?

Please detail any programming ideas you have for next year:

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