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## **11 Selected for Bar Leadership Institute**

***BLI Goal: Help Develop the Next Generation of PBA Leaders***

PBA President Gretchen Mundorff has re-launched the Bar Leadership Institute to strengthen the PBA's ongoing efforts to recruit and develop leaders for the association. The BLI was originally developed by Art Piccone in 1995-96 during his year as PBA president. Mundorff, who was the first chair of the institute, is a longtime proponent of leadership development and mentoring programs.

"We are going to make every effort to identify and prepare the best young lawyers who are representative of the diversity within the PBA membership to take leadership positions," Mundorff said.

This year's class, selected from a field of 34 candidates, includes the following participants:

- Laura Evans — Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott L.L.C., Harrisburg
- Sarinia Feinman — Vetrano & Vetrano, King of Prussia
- Sara Flasher — Administrative Law Judge, Department of Public Welfare, Pittsburgh
- Bernard John — John & John, Uniontown
- Guerline Laurore — Law Office of Guerline L. Laurore P.C., Coudersport
- Traci Naugle — Sullivan, Forr, Stokan, Huff & Kormanski, Altoona
- Joo Y. Park — High Swartz L.L.P., Norristown
- Melissa H. Shirey — The Family Law Group L.L.C., Erie
- Kevin Taccino — Taccino & Hamilton, Chambersburg
- Lisa Watson — Department of Public Welfare, Harrisburg
- Phil Yoon — Superior Court of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

BLI participants will learn about the day-to-day operations, governance, resources and staffing of the association. Participants will be introduced to the various leadership opportunities within the PBA and each participant will be paired with an experienced and committed mentor who is a member of the Board of Governors.

The 2010-2011 class size was limited to 11 lawyers. To apply, candidates had to demonstrate leadership ability, commit to attendance and participation in the required events, be currently licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, be a PBA member and be age 38 years or younger or have practiced five years or less.

This year's BLI co-chairs, Mary E. Schellhammer and Paul C. Troy, have been involved in past BLI programs, Schellhammer as a participant and Troy as a former co-chair.

Additional information about the Bar Leadership Institute is available on the PBA website at [www.pabar.org/BLI.asp](http://www.pabar.org/BLI.asp).

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