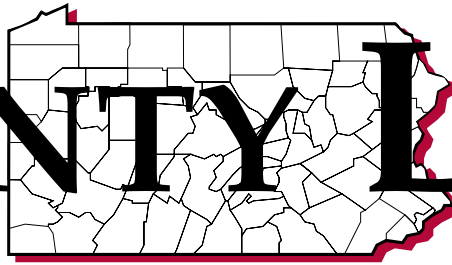


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## Gearing up for 2011 Conference of County Bar Leaders

By George A. Verlihay, President  
Executive Committee  
Conference of County Bar Leaders

The 45th Annual Conference of County Bar Leaders will be held in State College from Feb. 24-26 at The Nittany Lion Inn, a hotel run by Penn State University.

This year's program will be slightly different in that our primary focus will be on bar association leadership and providing the governing officers of local bar associations with important information for leading and protecting their organization. Our programs are designed to help incoming presidents by providing them with the information no one told them about when they agreed to become the president. We will offer assistance and training in the areas of communicating with and expanding your local membership, the fiduciary obligations of local bar association officers and governors, and what the future holds for utilizing technological tools.

You will also be able to learn about the work of the Interbranch Commission and on Saturday morning improve your parliamentary procedure skills in a fun and interactive way. An avoiding malpractice seminar will also be provided. In all, attendees can receive eight

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*Nittany Lion Inn*



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# 45<sup>th</sup> Annual CCBL • February 24-26, 2011 • Nittany Lion Inn, State College

## *You, Us and We*

### Schedule of Events

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011**

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

#### **Early Bird Registration**

9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

#### **Welcome Reception**

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2011**

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.

#### **Effective Leadership — The Key to Success**

*CLE 1.5 hours substantive*

*Co-sponsored by Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives and the PBA*

Colonel Tom Vossler, U.S. Army (Retired), will present our keynote address on effective leadership and why developing and implementing important leadership techniques and skills is so important to the success of your law firm and your local bar association.

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

#### **Dirty Little Secrets About Being a County Bar President (Things They Didn't Tell You When You Agreed to Run)**

*CLE 1.5 hours ethics*

Almost everyone who has served as a county bar president has faced unexpected issues and ethical dilemmas. In this session, experienced county bar association past-presidents and a bar executive director will outline issues such as: time management in your law practice with the additional obligations to the association; dealing with a major crisis, such as losing a key bar staff member; minor complaints about your county lawyers or fee disputes; conservatorships; and meeting with the media. Hear how large and small counties have handled these issues.

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

#### **YLD Business Meeting**

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

#### **Kick-Off Luncheon**

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

#### **Break**

#### ***AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS***

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### **How Do You Communicate With Your Members?**

Bar leaders need to effectively communicate with staff, community and members. This program will give you the effective and helpful strategies and techniques to ensure that your message is delivered, understood and implemented in the digital age.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### **The Future of Electronic Filing**

*CLE 1.0 hour substantive*

YLD members will educate us on transitioning from hard copy filing to e-filing and the role your bar association will play in implementing the change. Learn to maximize the benefit your tech savvy young lawyers can provide your bar association and members. Participants will see demonstrations of tech tools.

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### **Avoidance of Legal Malpractice**

*CLE 1.5 hours ethics*

Join members of the PBA Professional Liability Committee as we “eavesdrop” on several lawyers from across the state discussing their questions and concerns about their practice. Conference members who attend this session will receive up to a five percent discount on their PBA-endorsed malpractice insurance.

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

#### **Membership Development and Motivating Volunteers**

All bar associations survive under a strong and vital membership. The presenter will talk about how he did this for the Pennsylvania State University and how to apply his successes to your membership.

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

#### **Fiduciary Obligations and Non-Profit Organizational Insurance Needs**

*CLE 1.0 hour substantive*

ARE YOU NAKED...? Critical insurance coverage all non-profits (i.e. your

Bar Foundation) should have; plus fiduciary and regulatory obligations of your board. What every board member and executive director should know about their duties of “governance,” investment and financial oversight; as well as registration requirements of charitable fundraisers (which may apply to your association as well).

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

#### **Beer and Bull – Open Forum**

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### **Dinner**

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8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

#### **Wii Games and More**

*Sponsored by USI Affinity*

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2011**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

#### **Let's Just Eat! Hot Breakfast Buffet.**

#### **CCBL Business Meeting.**

#### ***PLENARY SESSIONS***

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

#### **How Do the Recommendations of the Supreme Court Committee on Gender & Racial Bias in the Justice System Im- pact Your Bar Association?**

*CLE 1.5 hours substantive*

Gender, racial and ethnic bias in the courts is a matter of great concern to many members of the bar, and to the public in general. Fortunately, the three branches of Pennsylvania government, led by the state Supreme Court, are working on implementing recommendations to reduce the impact of bias in our courts. Bar associations are important partners in the implementation process. Learn about the work of the Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness and find out what your bar association can do to promote fairness in your courts.

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

#### **Parliamentary Procedure Made Easy for Lawyers!**

*CLE 1.0 hour substantive*

Everyone has been to a meeting that has not been run well. Attend this one-hour interactive CLE to learn the “do’s and don’ts” in an entertaining fashion.

# Retired U.S. Army colonel to speak on leadership at the 45th Conference of County Bar Leaders

Retired U.S. Army Col. Tom Vossler will be the kick-off keynote speaker at the 2011 Conference of County Bar Leaders on Friday morning, Feb. 25, at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College. Vossler served 30 years in the U.S. Army Infantry from 1968 to 1998. He is a combat veteran of the Vietnam War and commanded infantry units from platoon through battalion level in the United States and Germany.

Vossler taught military history, strategy and leadership at the U.S. Army War College, and he is a former director of the U.S. Army Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks in Carlisle. Since 1998, Vossler has worked as a licensed Battlefield

Guide at Gettysburg, where he specializes in battlefield studies and leadership seminars for U.S. and allied military units as well as civilian corporations and organizations. His battlefield clients

Institute and Penn State-Dickinson College School of Law. Vossler's television credits include participation in two American Civil War productions for the History Channel.

Vossler will be addressing the conference

*Vossler will be addressing the conference on developing and implementing important leadership skills for the success of your law firm and local bar association.*

include the late ABC News anchorman Peter Jennings, actor Richard Dreyfus, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, former U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, the American Press Institute, the Carnegie

on developing and implementing important leadership skills for the success of your law firm and local bar association. ■

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credits, including up to three ethics credits, toward their continuing legal education requirements.

We will also have a beer and bull session with our Pennsylvania Bar Association leaders: President Gretchen A. Mundorff, President-elect Matthew J. Crème Jr. and Vice President Thomas G. Wilkinson Jr. This year we have also saved some time for you to tell us how we are doing and how you feel we can make the CCBL better for our local bar leaders of the future.

Our keynote speaker on Friday will be retired U.S. Army Col. Tom Vossler, who will speak about leadership, leadership skills and training, and why leadership is so important to the success of your law firm and your local bar association.

At lunch, our guest speaker will be Kenneth Gormley, dean of the Duquesne University School of Law and past president of the Allegheny County Bar Association. He is the author of the *New York Times* best-seller *The Death of American Virtue: Clinton vs. Starr*. He will share with us some of his insights into the legal mess and impeachment proceedings that befell the



*Photo courtesy of The Nittany Lion Inn*

*The Nittany Lion Inn's dining room.*

Clinton presidency from the extraordinary access he was able to obtain with President Bill Clinton, special prosecutor Kenneth W. Starr, Monica Lewinsky, Paul Jones and others. Recently, Gormley's book was named as one of the Top 10 books of 2010 by *The Washington Post*.

Finally, Friday night's dinner at the Nittany Lion Inn is always fantastic. Dress casually because following dinner, you will be able to test your skills on riding



*Photo by Nicole R. Antos*

*Penn State University's Old Main.*

a Segway, bowling and participating as a contestant in some of the same wacky games as seen on "Minute to Win It." Your skills and performance will increase your odds of winning some fantastic prizes!

In all, this year's conference promises to be both extremely informative and highly entertaining. Please, if you are a local bar president, president-elect, vice president, YLD representative, local governor or bar executive director, make your reservation now to attend. See your local bar executive director or go to [www.pabar.org](http://www.pabar.org) for more information. See you in State College! ■

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# Don Morgan retires as Dauphin Co. Bar executive director

By Nicole R. Antos

**D**on Morgan, who became executive director of the Dauphin County Bar Association on Jan. 1, 1998, has retired after 13 years of service.

Prior to coming to the DCBA, Morgan completed 25 years with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps.

During his tenure at the DCBA, Morgan was continually praised for his creative efforts in not only increasing the value of membership but also in facilitating involvement.

Morgan's dedication to the association and its members was evident in not only his attendance at DCBA events but also his encouragement of active participation by his members. To that end, he is credited with finding ways to reduce costs of participation at these events, including subsidizing costs for newly admitted lawyers; moving events, such as the annual and quarterly meetings, to different locations; and holding these events at different times of the day to allow for all to have a better opportunity to attend.

Morgan is also credited with bringing modern technology to the DCBA,

including a database management system, blast e-mails and a new website. These upgrades served to further efficiency as well as outreach.

Two other initiatives Morgan was instrumental in bringing to the DCBA include the creation of the Senior Lawyers Section, which provides a social environment for members over the age of 55, and the Capital Area Managing Partners summer program, or CAMP. CAMP is designed to make the capital area legal community more diverse. Morgan visited minority student associations at area law schools to recruit students for internships through the CAMP program.

In February 2009, Morgan was honored by the Conference of County Bar Leaders with its 12th annual Arthur J. Birdsall Award. The award is presented to a county bar executive who demonstrates professional excellence, who is committed to the success of his or her bar association and who significantly enhances the stature of his or her bar association. It is named in honor of Arthur J. Birdsall, the PBA's county bar services director who retired

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*Don Morgan is shown in February 2009, after receiving the 12th annual Arthur J. Birdsall Award.*

after nearly 40 years of support to local bar associations.

Morgan's achievements as the DCBA executive director have not gone unnoticed, especially by this Dauphin County lawyer. I know I speak for my fellow DCBA members, as well as the PBA and county bar associations across the commonwealth, when I say, to Don, "Thank you" for your years of service, and we wish you well in your future endeavors. ■

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## Michelle Shuker takes on Dauphin Co. executive director role

**M**ichelle M. Shuker has been named the new executive director of the Dauphin County Bar Association. She had previously been the PBA director of County Bar Services for four and a half years. Shuker is excited to follow in the able footsteps of Don Morgan, who has retired following 13 years in the position. (See related article above on his retirement.) Shuker assumed her new duties on Jan. 3.

As most of you know, while working at PBA, Shuker acted as liaison to the county bar associations across Pennsylvania. She looks forward to applying her experiences to the Dauphin County Bar Association.

Shuker earned her undergraduate degree from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and her law degree from the Duquesne University School of Law. She has been a licensed Pennsylvania attorney for the past 15 years.

According to a DCBA press release, a search committee, consisting of the current association officers and 12 of the past 14 presidents, was formed in April. After advertising the position in early June, the



*Michelle M. Shuker*

search committee eventually narrowed the field to six finalists, who were interviewed on Sept. 29. On Oct. 14, the Board of Directors approved the recommendation of the committee to hire Shuker as the next executive director.

As the new DCBA executive director, Shuker will not be traveling to each county in the state, but you can be sure she will be sighted at all of the major PBA events. ■

# Nicole Antos is new PBA director of County Bar Services

The PBA has hired attorney Nicole R. Antos as director of County Bar Services. Antos takes the position formerly held by Michelle Shuker. (See related article on page 4 on Shuker's new position.)

This is not Antos' first experience with PBA, as she previously worked on a temporary basis as the Young Lawyers Division coordinator and most recently as staff counsel to the Constitutional Review Commission. While



Nicole R. Antos

working for the PBA CRC, Antos was also employed by local Harrisburg law firm Andreozzi & Associates, specializing in family law.

Antos is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, as well as Penn State's Dickinson School of Law.

While in law school, Antos spent two years interning at the Cumberland County District Attorney's Office. Upon graduation, she accepted a position with the commonwealth at the

Workers' Compensation Appeal Board. She also spent a short time with the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania, where she acted as Pennsylvania Victory Coalitions director.

Antos brings these varied work experiences, as well as years of involvement with both the Pennsylvania and Dauphin County bar associations, to the PBA. She said that she welcomes the opportunities the County Bar Services position presents and looks forward to traveling to every county across the commonwealth. ■

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## Delaware Co. Bar Association selects new executive director

The Delaware County Bar Association's board of directors has selected William L. Baldwin to serve as the association's next executive director. He steps into the role left vacant in June following the death of Elizabeth C. Price, who was the DCBA executive director for 36 years.

Baldwin, a longtime Delaware County resident and graduate of Temple University School of Law, most recently served as deputy director for Laurel House, a domestic violence nonprofit based in Norristown. Previously, he served as legal services director for Laurel House from 2003-2009 and as legal services director of the Delaware County Domestic Abuse Project from 1993-2000.

Baldwin has won numerous awards and honors, including the McEwen Award for service to crime victims.

According to an article in *The Legal Intelligencer*, a Philadelphia legal newspaper, DCBA President Bruce E. Rodger said finding someone to follow

Price, who has been credited with turning what was essentially intended as an executive assistant role into an executive position, was a daunting task.

"When Betty Price passed away, she had been such a rock star and an institution here in Delaware County that we really had to sit down and figure out how we were going to find a successor," Rodger told the *Intelligencer*. "One of the key and smartest realizations we came to was that we would never be able to replace Betty."

Rodger said that soon after Price's death he appointed a committee of officers within the bar association to draft an executive director job description, the *Intelligencer* reported.

The duties include, among other task, scheduling meetings and functions, supervising budgeting and accounting,



William L. Baldwin

implementing policies, writing press releases and leading technological initiatives.

A separate committee figured out how to advertise the position and narrow the pool of 120 applicants down to 12 semifinalists, each of whom were interviewed by the committee as a whole, Rodger told the *Intelligencer*.

That group was narrowed down to two applicants, who were then interviewed by the bar association's board of directors, according to the newspaper.

"Bill survived that scrutiny process," Rodger told the *Intelligencer*. "He is a very bright guy, he's a lawyer and he has a great deal of training in the management of nonprofit organizations."

Baldwin assumed his duties at the DCBA on Jan. 3. ■

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## Bar Foundation seeks nominees for 2011 Louis J. Goffman Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's Louis J. Goffman Awards.

Named in honor of the late Pennsylvania Bar Association past president from Philadelphia, the Louis J. Goffman Awards

have been recognizing Pennsylvania's finest pro bono providers for 20 years.

The nomination deadline is **March 31** and the award presentation will take place during the PBA's Annual Meeting scheduled for May 4-6.

Don't miss your opportunity to nominate a worthy individual, law firm or organization from your county. For details and nomination forms visit: <http://www.pabarfoundation.org/Programs%20and%20Awards/Louis.aspx>. ■

# Message from the YLD chair

By Lisa M. B. Woodburn

The PBA Young Lawyers Division has been busy!

We are hosting nearly one Heroes event each week in counties throughout the state. It is our goal to reach out to counties that have volunteer fire companies and EMS squads. This program offers us a great opportunity to give back to first responders – those who arrive when we are in need or when we call 911 for a medical emergency, fire, etc. Some of those who come to our aid, many of whom volunteer, don't have the necessary, basic estate documentation that would allow them to make sure their children and loved ones are cared before a tragedy strikes. We have the basic tools to

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Lisa Woodburn

do this, so let's give back!

If you are in a county that doesn't have this program and want it, please let me know, and we will do our best to work with your local bar association and get them on board with our program. We aren't taking business from lawyers, because this is business we never had and will never get. We are doing a public service to those who save lives. You never know when you might need help from first responders!

We have also been actively working on our new program, the Bar Passage Mentoring Program, set to launch in July 2011. The program pairs lawyers with law students studying for the bar with the sole focus of mastering the essay portion of the bar exam. This is an area where traditional

bar preparation courses are lacking. Law students are graduating these days with tremendous debt and no jobs or jobs that pay what seasoned legal staff are making. This is yet another opportunity for us to improve the legal profession and also encourage the law students whom we mentor to get involved by joining our local and state bar associations and give back as they have received.

Finally, in anticipation of a new Pennsylvania government and in support of the PBA's legislative grassroots effort, the PBA YLD hosted its first of hopefully many Young Lawyer/Young Legislator events. A joint reception was held in conjunction with PBA Committee/Section Day in November 2010. Young lawyers are the future leaders in many social and community organizations, and young legislators are the future leaders in government. Together, we can do many great things! ■

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## PBA Board of Governors approves diversity initiatives

■ *The diversity team of volunteer members will work collaboratively with PBA leadership, staff and other PBA related groups to promote and enhance diversity.*

At its Nov. 17 meeting in Harrisburg, the PBA Board of Governors unanimously approved the recommendations of the PBA Diversity Task Force for the retention of a diversity officer and the creation of a permanent PBA diversity team to improve diversity in the commonwealth's legal profession.

The diversity officer will be an independent contractor charged with keeping diversity issues and challenges on the front burner for the PBA, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Pennsylvania's law schools, local and specialty bar associations and law firms.

The diversity team of volunteer members will work collaboratively with PBA leadership, staff and other PBA

related groups to promote and enhance diversity. The team also will work with the new PBA diversity officer, the PBA executive director and other PBA staff to devise and assist with the implementation of a diversity plan for the PBA with benchmarks that will be used to gauge the effectiveness of the diversity officer.

The diversity team will consist of 13 diversity "ambassadors" including a chair and vice chair and a member appointed by and from each of the following: PBA Civil & Equal Rights Committee, PBA Gay and Lesbian Rights Committee, PBA Legal Services to Persons with Disabilities Committee, PBA Minority Bar Committee, PBA Commission on Women in the Profession, Conference of County Bar Leaders, PBA Solo and Small Firm Practice Section, PBA Young Lawyers Division and PBA Leadership Training and Recruitment Committee. The PBA president will appoint the chair, vice chair and two diversity ambassadors, and the chair and vice chair position will rotate between the PBA at-large governors at the discretion of the PBA president.

Last May, then-PBA President Clifford E. Haines and then-PBA-elect Gretchen A. Mundorff formed the PBA Diversity Task Force to examine the structure of the PBA and provide recommendations for ways to promote, increase and maintain diversity in its leadership positions and membership through the organization.

The task force was specifically charged with developing a diversity plan to recommend modifications to institutional practices and structural elements of the PBA to respond to the changing demographics of the legal profession in Pennsylvania and to improve opportunities for underrepresented members to participate in leadership roles within the PBA. The task force, under the leadership of co-chairs Samuel T. Cooper III and William H. Pugh V has met more than 25 times since its creation. The task force will assist the PBA diversity team with setting up bylaws and operating procedures subject to the approval of the Board of Governors. The diversity team will operate under the procedures of a committee as defined by the PBA bylaws. ■



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# On the *Local Scene...*

## Allegheny

### ACBA's children's book in third printing

The Allegheny County Bar Association's *That's No Joke!* children's book is now in its third printing due to the growing demand. The illustrated book, which was written and edited by two bar association directors, is distributed to students in kindergarten through fifth grade during the bar's "This is a Joke – Making Fun of Others is Not!" program. A free copy of the award-winning book is also available to the general public. There have been requests for the book from administrators at schools, churches and community groups across the U.S. and internationally as well.

## Beaver

### Celebrate the Constitution

Members from the bench and bar of Beaver County visited local schools beginning Sept. 17 to speak to students about the U.S. and Pennsylvania constitutions. By the program's completion in November, these attorneys and judges had spoken to over 1,900 Beaver County students at 14 schools. During the programs, students signed "Mock Constitutions," which are on display at the Beaver County Courthouse through the end of January.

### BCBA Bench/Bar Conference

Approximately 60 people attended the 2010 Beaver County Bar Association Bench/Bar Conference held Oct. 7-9 at Quail Hollow Resort in Painesville, Ohio. In addition to providing the opportunity to attend CLE seminars, the conference offered attendees the chance to socialize at a golf outing, wine-pairing luncheon and a social hosted by the BCBA Young Lawyers Division.

### Beaver County Heartwalk 2010

The BCBA Charitable Fundraising and Giving Committee sponsored a team to walk in the American Heart Association's Heart Walk 2010. The committee also made a \$1,000 contribution to the American Heart Association.

### Holiday Project Benefits Elderly

The BCBA Charitable Fundraising and Giving Committee selected the Beaver County Office on Aging's "Surprises for Shut-Ins" program as its 2010 holiday project. The committee collected donations from BCBA members which enabled the committee to purchase gifts for 70 shut-ins. Volunteers then wrapped the gifts on Nov. 22 at the bar association building so that they could be distributed to local shut-ins through the holiday season.

### Professional Clothing Drive

The BCBA Women in Law Committee recently sponsored a professional clothing drive to benefit Professional Outfitters and the Beaver County Assistance Office. Professional Outfitters is a local agency that assists no or low-income job-seekers by providing professional clothing for job interviews and work. Numerous articles of women's and men's business attire were donated to this organization.

## Butler

### New web-based Lawyer Referral Service

The Butler County Bar Association has partnered with technical and Web marketing firm Impactiv Inc. to offer a new web-based Lawyer Referral Service on its website, [www.butlercountypabar.org](http://www.butlercountypabar.org). The new LRS search directory enables prospective clients to search for individual BCBA member attorneys by both practice area and location. The search results are displayed in random sort order so that each attorney profile has an equal opportunity to be displayed at the top of the list for a given set of search criteria. It's a win-win for the public and BCBA members: The public now has a better source for making informed choices and member attorneys have an affordable way to advertise their services. The new automated LRS is also expected to make the referral process much more efficient for the small bar association, which has a limited staff to take referral requests by phone.

Members may also opt into a very

affordable premium subscription to extend their web profile and gain an important inbound link to their existing website. Each member has the option to display his/her listing publicly or make it available only to other members.

## Chester

### Wills for Heroes

Chester County area first responders benefited from a free "Wills for Heroes" event on Nov. 13. The event was brought to Chester County with the support of Gawthrop Greenwood P.C., the Chester County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations and the law firm Ballard Spahr L.L.P. The program provided essential legal documents at no charge to first responders as a way of giving back to the community. Twelve volunteer attorneys and six paralegals provided hour-long sessions to individuals and their spouses/partners.

### Rotary Chili Cook Off

The Chester County Bar Foundation participated as one of more than 70 competitors in this year's eighth annual West Chester Rotary Chili Cook Off on Oct. 10. Foundation members made and served over 40 gallons of chili to help with the Rotary Club's event. Funds raised from the event benefit the Rotary Club, which provides scholarships and supports numerous local charities.

## Cumberland

### Judicial Evaluation Commission

The Cumberland County Bar Association Board of Directors has authorized the formation of a process for evaluating candidates for the Court of Common Pleas of Cumberland County. The evaluation procedure is modeled after the PBA Judicial Evaluation Commission for evaluating candidates for the appellate courts. The committee has proposed a commission of nine individuals: six CCBA members and three non-attorney Cumberland County residents. The investigation will be done by panels. A panel of three (comprised of two CCBA members and one non-



attorney Cumberland County resident) will interview individuals who have knowledge of the candidate and interview the candidate. The panel will submit a written report to the commission. The commission will interview the candidate and make a recommendation as to whether the candidate is highly recommended, recommended or not recommended. Participants in the process, commission members and panelists, will agree to confidentiality and not to participate in election activities of a candidate, financially or otherwise.

## **2010 Bench Bar Conference**

The eighth biennial Bench Bar Conference was held on Oct. 8 at the Penn State Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, with 155 members attending. The keynote speaker was Temple School of Law professor Edward D. Ohlbaum. The informative day included presentations by all five sitting Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas judges, the Cumberland County district attorney and the first assistant public defender, Cumberland County magisterial district judges, court officials, CCBA members and staff. The conference was sponsored by USI Affinity and M&T Bank.

## **Dauphin**

### **Joint Dinner Meeting**

The 11th annual Joint Dinner Meeting, co-hosted by the Dauphin County Bar Association and the Keystone Bar Association (formerly the Harrisburg Black Attorneys Association), was held on Oct. 19 at the Hilton Harrisburg. The evening featured guest speaker Harrisburg Mayor Linda D. Thompson and the presentation of The Hon. Robert N.C. Nix Scholarship Awards and The Hon. Thurgood Marshall Fellowships.

### **'Meet Your Judges' program**

The biennial "Meet Your Judges" public education event, sponsored by the DCBA, was held at the Harrisburg Area Community College on Nov. 3. The program featured judges from the Commonwealth Court, the Court of Common Pleas and several

magisterial districts. The question-and-answer session was moderated by Janelle Stelson, a local TV news anchor, who was assisted by volunteers from the Young Lawyers Section. A reception immediately followed the program.

### **Memorial Service**

The DCBA Memorial and Outreach Committee coordinated a memorial service on Dec. 8 in Courtroom One at the Dauphin County Courthouse to honor Carl G. Wass, Norman M. Yoffe, Charles O. Barto Jr. and Todd D. Getgen, all of whom had died within the past year. This event provides members an opportunity to demonstrate respect for former colleagues and commitment to one of the proudest traditions of the bar association.

## **Franklin**

### **Third annual Pro Bono Luncheon**

Eighty-five members of the Franklin County Bar Association were honored at the association's third annual Pro Bono Recognition Luncheon on Oct. 27, during National Pro Bono Week. The attorneys were lauded for volunteering their time to one of the three legal aid organizations in Franklin County during the past year. In addition, PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Trevaskis presented Kevin Taccino with his 2010 PBA Pro Bono Award during the luncheon.

### **First Wills for Heroes clinic**

The FCBA Young Lawyers Division held its first Wills for Heroes clinic on Nov. 13. The clinic was held at the Chambersburg Fire Department, with seven attorneys volunteering their time to provide simple wills and other estate-planning documents to firefighters and their spouses. The YLD received a donation of two laptops for Wills for Heroes from Global Data Consultants of Chambersburg, FCBA's technology affinity partner.

### **Wingerd Award presented**

Thomas Finucane, a past president of the FCBA, received the bar's fifth Edmund C. Wingerd Jr. Memorial Award during the

FCBA's annual admission ceremony and membership meeting on Dec. 10. The award was created in 2002 by a Chambersburg family in memory of Edmund "Ted" Wingerd Jr., their longtime attorney and a member of the local bar for nearly 55 years. It honors members who uphold Wingerd's legacy of dedicated service to his clients, community and the profession. An endowment provides a financial gift to a charity of the recipient's choice.

## **Jefferson**

### **Donation to Children and Youth Services Advisory Board**

The Jefferson County Bar Association recently presented a \$1,000 check to the Children and Youth Services Advisory Board. The donation, along with other donations, will be used to provide the foster children and resource families in Jefferson County with family activities, assistance in purchasing school supplies and other school related items and activities, and summer camping and mission experiences, as well as higher education scholarships.

## **Lebanon**

### **'Celebrate the Constitution'**

The Lebanon County Bar Association provided materials and presentations to more than 300 Lebanon County students as part of the PBA's "Celebrate the Constitution" program, from September through December. Members from both the bench and bar travelled to local schools to speak about the Constitution. Students participated in a mock Constitution signings and received pocket-sized Constitution booklets donated by the PBA.

### **Donation to Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County**

The LCBA's Public Relations Committee recently donated \$1,000 to Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County. Jason Schibinger, president of the board of directors of Domestic Violence Intervention, said, "DVI has had the support of the Lebanon County Bar Association for

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the past several years and will utilize the funds to help support our many programs which are vital to the community.”

DVI’s services include a 24-hour hotline, crisis shelter, residential and nonresidential counseling for adults and children, and medical and legal advocacy for victims.

## 100 years of incorporation

On Sept. 19, the LCBA marked 100 years of incorporation. Its origins, however, go back to 1813, when the Lebanon courts were still part of the Lancaster region. The current bar membership celebrated with a look back at the last 100 years during “An Evening at the Lebanon Historical Society” on Nov. 18. LCBA President Timothy Engler opened the evening with remarks about the history of the association and the growth it has enjoyed over the years. Historical Society volunteer Barbara Gaffney gave remarks about the society and how it relates to the bar association. Association artifacts that are housed in the building were featured throughout the auditorium and remain on display to the public. The evening concluded with self-guided tours.

## Family ‘adopted’ for holiday

This past holiday season, a family in need received gifts on their wish lists thanks to the generosity of the LCBA’s Women Lawyers’ Committee and its Adopt-a-Family program. The family was identified by Lebanon County Children and Youth Services. The committee raised more than \$1,000, and many of the gifts were purchased outright by committee members. Others were purchased from donations by individual members. The committee purchased most of the requested items and also included gift cards that enabled the family to buy food, clothing and toys for themselves this holiday season.

## Lehigh

### Trio to Tackle Texting While Driving

For a second consecutive year, The Bar Association of Lehigh County has received a grant from the Verizon Foundation,

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*Sen. Bob Casey served as the keynote speaker at the Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association’s Bench Bar Conference on Nov. 4. PBA President Gretchen Mundorff also attended. Shown in the photo from the conference are (from left) Joseph P.J. Burke III, W-BLLA secretary-treasurer; David E. Schwager, PBA Zone 5 governor; Joseph F. Saporito Jr., W-BLLA vice president; Mundorff; Robert D. Schaub, W-BLLA president, and Arthur L. Piccone, PBA past president and the W-BLLA’s official liaison to the PBA and PBA past presidents.*

the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications. With the \$15,000 grant, the organizations are reuniting with the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation to promote the dangers and legal implications of cell phone usage while operating a motor vehicle.

The organizations, which collaborated in the spring of 2010 to address cyber safety, will create a multi-media presentation, DVD production and website, titled NoTxt.Me. This electronic media will be distributed to all middle schools throughout the Greater Lehigh Valley. It is expected to reach over 12,000 students.

NoTxt.Me is expected to be completed by the spring of 2011.

## Luzerne

### Charitable Foundation supports Women with Children Program

The Luzerne County Bar Association Charitable Foundation recently presented a \$1,000 check to the Misericordia University

Women with Children (WWC) program. WWC was established in 2000 to provide support to women and their children by helping them realize their full potential through higher education. The program provides support, services, housing and financial aid for academically qualified single mothers who are determined to complete their undergraduate degree.

## Monroe

### Mock Trial Invitational

Teams representing high schools from Monroe County and surrounding areas participated in the annual Mock Trial Invitational on Nov. 20 at East Stroudsburg High School South. The first-place team was Valley View High School. Second place went to Wallenpaupak High School, and third place was awarded to Notre Dame. Each team received a monetary prize that is to be used to enhance mock trial activities at their individual schools.

The teams were advised by attorneys



who worked with high school coaches. The mock trial tournament was judged by volunteer Monroe County Bar Association attorneys.

## **December Activities**

The 16th annual Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of the MCBA in honor of the late attorney Phil Mattes, was held on Dec. 6 at a Stroudsburg church. Mattes was a longtime donor and founding member of the YLD division of the Lackawanna Bar Association, in addition to being a member of the MCBA. Many people turned out in response to the call to donate blood.

On Dec. 11, the MCBA hosted its annual Holiday Gathering at Mountain Springs Lake Resort in Reeders. Over 80 people, members and spouses, enjoyed the music, dancing and delicious cuisine. It was a pleasure to enjoy the company of PBA President Gretchen A. Mundorff and her husband, Donald Heckathorne, at the event.

On Dec. 13, the MCBA sponsored the Swearing In Ceremony for attorneys who passed the bar and wished to be admitted to the county bar association. Following the ceremony in historic Courtroom One, new members and their families, judges, MCBA members and guests were invited to attend an open house and reception at the MCBA bar center.

## **Montgomery**

### **Holiday contributions**

The Montgomery Bar Association ended 2010 on a positive note, making substantial and timely holiday contributions to a variety of local causes. A \$5,000 holiday donation was made to St. John's Soup Kitchen in Norristown, while another gift of \$10,000 was made to support the Laurel House, a domestic violence agency and shelter serving individuals, families and communities throughout Montgomery County.

The MBA's Young Lawyers Section again partnered with area law firms and collected gifts and financial contributions for the U.S.O. at Naval Air Station – Joint

Reserve Base Willow Grove as part of their annual HOLIDAYS for HEROES campaign. Donations were collected at the bar building and in lieu of admission to the section's annual holiday party. Also, in light of the imminent scheduled base closure in 2011, MBA leadership approved a special, one-time contribution of \$3,000 to the cause to help ensure a successful 2010 campaign for the troops. Since the launch of HOLIDAYS for HEROES in 2007, the MBA and its partners have raised upwards of \$30,000 for locally-based troops deployed overseas and their families.

## **Northampton**

### **Bench Bar Conference in D.C.**

The Northampton County Bar Association recently held its Bench Bar Conference in Washington, D.C., along with the swearing-in ceremony at the Supreme Court of the United States. The conference opened with a guided tour of the Capitol. After the tour, the CLE programs began at the host location of the law firm of Skadden Arps in D.C. The opening speaker was attorney Gregory Craig, former White House counsel to President Obama. A reception and dinner were held at the National Press Club and included a lively program by the NCBA's very own "The Not Ready for Broadway Players."

On the Monday following the conference, 30 NCBA members were admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States. Following the swearing-in ceremony, they were privileged to meet Chief Justice John Roberts, Associate Justice Samuel Alito and Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

### **Eagles bus trip**

The Activities Committee made what turned out to be a very popular decision when, earlier in the year, it decided to schedule a bus trip to the Philadelphia Eagles v. New York Giants football game in Philadelphia. After a great time tailgating, NCBA members were not disappointed as the Eagles beat the Giants 27-17.

## **Pike**

### **Pike Bar gives special gifts to CD D kids**

Santa Claus delivered more than 147 Christmas presents to children served by the Center for Development Disabilities in early December at an annual Christmas Party sponsored by the Pike County Bar Association. The gifts were donated by the bar association, and many had been purchased at Milford's The Firefly Toy Store, which provided a discount.

The association has participated in the CDD gift-giving for many years under a program started and sponsored by late Milford attorney and humanitarian Jack Linshaw, a past PCBA president.

## **Schuylkill**

### **SCBA fundraisers aid community**

Thanks to the efforts of the Schuylkill County Bar Association's Public Relations/Community Development Committee, the association held several fundraisers and activities to benefit the community in 2010. The SCBA collected more than 1,000 canned food items, diapers and baby food during its annual canned food drive on May 21 in conjunction with Boyer's Market, Orwigsburg. The association also held annual coat drives, a children's bicycle drive and a breast cancer awareness event in 2010.

The SCBA's Public Relations/Community Development Committee is co-chaired by attorneys Sud Patel and Eric Lieberman. ■

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## JANUARY

### Best of the Oil and Gas Law Colloquium

Jan. 25: Mechanicsburg  
Simulcast – Jan. 25: Allentown, Beaver, Easton, Greensburg, Honesdale, Johnstown, Mansfield, Meadville, Mill Hall, Montrose, New Castle, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Warren, Waynesburg, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport  
9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 4 CLE credits (substantive)

### International Arbitration

Jan. 26: Philadelphia  
Simulcast – Jan. 26: Allentown, Canonsburg, Doylestown, Easton, Johnstown, Mechanicsburg, Mill Hall, Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre, York  
9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 3 CLE credits (substantive)

### PBA Family Law Section – Winter Meeting 2011

Jan. 14 - 16: Lancaster, at Marriott Lancaster at Penn Square  
Fri: 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; check-in at 1 p.m.; Sat: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.; Sun: 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.; 10.5 CLE credits (substantive)

### The Impact of the Midterm Elections on Law and Policy: Best of PBI's Public Policy Series

Jan. 28: Philadelphia  
Simulcast – Jan. 28: Allentown, Doylestown, Easton, Johnstown, Mechanicsburg, Mill Hall, Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre, York  
12 p.m. to 2 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.; 2 CLE credits (substantive)

## FEBRUARY

### The Complexities of UCC Article 9 Simplified

Feb. 24: Mechanicsburg  
Feb. 25: Philadelphia  
Simulcast – Feb. 24: Allentown, Doylestown, Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre  
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; check-in at 12 p.m.; 6 CLE credits (substantive)

### Fundamentals of Insurance Law

Feb. 8: Philadelphia  
Simulcast – Feb. 15: Allentown, Easton, Erie, Johnstown, Mechanicsburg, Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre  
9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 4 CLE credits (substantive)

### Independent Contractor v. Employee: Repercussions of Misclassification

Feb. 17: Pittsburgh  
Simulcast – Feb. 11: Allentown, Butler, Canonsburg, Doylestown, Easton, Erie, Johnstown, Mansfield, Meadville, Mechanicsburg, Mill Hall, Philadelphia, Reading, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, Wilkes-Barre, York  
12 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 p.m.; 3 CLE credits (substantive)

### Social Media in the Workplace

Feb. 16: Pittsburgh  
Feb. 24: Philadelphia  
Simulcast – Feb. 1: Butler, Canonsburg, Easton, Johnstown, Mansfield, Meadville, Mechanicsburg, Mill Hall, Norristown, Reading, Uniontown, Warren, Wilkes-Barre  
8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8 a.m.; 4 CLE credits (3 substantive/1 ethics\*) \*Must attend entire program to receive ethics credit.

### The Intersection of Legal and New Mental Health Issues in Custody Cases

Feb. 17: Philadelphia  
Feb. 28: Mechanicsburg  
Simulcast – Feb. 28: Allentown, Norristown, Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre  
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics\*) \*Must attend entire program to receive ethics credit.

### The Revised Model Stock Purchase Agreement: New Business Trends, New Provisions & Lessons from the Drafters

Feb. 9: Philadelphia  
Simulcast – Feb. 9: Allentown, Mechanicsburg, Wilkes-Barre  
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 3 CLE credits (substantive)

### Winning the Fall Down Case

Feb. 1: Pittsburgh  
Feb. 15: Philadelphia  
Simulcast – Feb. 8: Allentown, Butler, Doylestown, Easton, Johnstown, Mansfield, Meadville, Mechanicsburg, Mill Hall, New Castle, Reading, Stroudsburg, Uniontown, Warren, Wilkes-Barre  
12 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.; check-in at 11:30 a.m.; 4 CLE credits (substantive)

### Workers' Compensation Issues Affecting Your Auto Accident Case

Feb. 16: Philadelphia  
Feb. 23: Pittsburgh  
Simulcast – Feb. 10: Allentown, Beaver, Butler, Doylestown, Easton, Erie, Greensburg, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mechanicsburg, Mill Hall, New Castle, Reading, Warren, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, York  
9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 3 CLE credits (substantive)

## MARCH

### PBA Pro-Bono Seminar: Reaching Out to the Neediest Among Us

March 7: Philadelphia  
Simulcast – March 7: Allentown, Butler, Canonsburg, Doylestown, Easton, Honesdale, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mansfield, Meadville, Mechanicsburg, Mill Hall, Norristown, Pittsburgh, Reading, Uniontown, Warren, Wilkes-Barre, York  
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics) ■

# PBA Constitutional Review Commission revises dates of public hearings on Judiciary, Legislative Reapportionment

The PBA Constitutional Review Commission's Judiciary Committee and Legislative Reapportionment Committee, which are charged with reviewing the Pennsylvania Constitution and recommending ways to improve state government, have revised their schedules for public hearings. Several meetings of the Judiciary Committee have been cancelled but may be rescheduled at a later date, and the Legislative Reapportionment Committee has cancelled its meeting in Erie.

The revised schedule appears below, but please visit the commission's website at [www.pabar.org/crc](http://www.pabar.org/crc) for the most up-to-date information on the public hearings.

"These hearings are valuable opportunities for citizens to provide information that will help shape the committee's recommendations to improve the structure and operation of government in the commonwealth," said PBA President Gretchen A. Mundorff. "If the members of the commission's committees conclude that changes are needed based on public input and members' own findings, they will offer suggestions for enacting legislation, amending the state's Constitution or convening a Constitutional Convention."

"It's important that we hear all points of view during the hearing process," said James Gardner Colins, a former Commonwealth Court president judge and Philadelphia lawyer who is chairing the commission. "The constitutional scholars, practicing lawyers, sitting judges and public policy experts serving on our commission want to take a broad view and consider the multitude of ideas and opinions that could improve our commonwealth."

The Judiciary Committee's revised public hearing schedule follows. The hearings will be held from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

- Jan. 19, University of Pittsburgh School of Law. **Cancelled. May be rescheduled.**
- Feb. 16, Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, State College. **Cancelled. May be rescheduled.**

- March 16, Erie County Council Chambers, Erie. **Cancelled. May be rescheduled.**

PBA Constitutional Review Commission's committees must approve the application and schedule the time and duration of the

**"These hearings are valuable opportunities for citizens to provide information that will help shape the committee's recommendations to improve the structure and operation of government in the commonwealth."**

*PBA President Gretchen A. Mundorff*

- March 16 (**New date**), Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg Campus, Room A180, 3800 Vartan Way, Harrisburg. **Rescheduled from June 22.**
- April 27, Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre.
- May 4 (**New date**), Pennsylvania Bar Institute Conference Center, Philadelphia. **Rescheduled from May 17.**

The Legislative Reapportionment Committee's revised public hearing schedule follows. The hearings will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Jan. 26, Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg Campus, Room A180, 3800 Vartan Way, Harrisburg.
- Feb. 23, Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, State College. **Cancelled.**
- March 23, Duquesne University Law School, Pittsburgh.
- April 20, Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre.
- May 4, Pennsylvania Bar Institute Conference Center, Philadelphia.

A written statement of testimony and an application must be submitted two weeks in advance by the individual or group wishing to speak at a hearing. The

witness's statement.

The PBA Constitutional Review Commission's Judiciary Committee is seeking citizens' input on the following issues:

- Judicial Conduct System, including (a) Reporting Judicial Officials, (b) Protecting Confidences and (c) Insuring Quick and Thorough Investigations
- Judicial selection and financing judicial campaigns
- Representation of the indigent, including juveniles
- Funding Pennsylvania's courts so as to guarantee an effective judiciary

Views on other issues under Article V of Pennsylvania's Constitution are also welcomed.

The PBA Constitutional Review Commission's Legislative Reapportionment Committee is seeking citizens' input on the following issues:

- Problems in past Pennsylvania reapportionments
- Specific individual or organizational injuries claimed to be created by Pennsylvania's constitutional reapportionment provisions
- How reapportionment problems

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# PBA launches exclusive Lawyer-to-Lawyer Network

The PBA has launched the Lawyer-to-Lawyer Network, a new service available exclusively to PBA members. This service will give PBA members the option of being listed in an online database accessible through the PBA website that can be searched for free by other members looking for attorneys in a specific practice area and/or geographic location.

“The Lawyer-to-Lawyer Network has the potential to be a valuable marketing tool for lawyers and their firms and can provide desirable statewide recognition for any law practice,” said PBA Executive Director Barry M. Simpson.

From January through June 2011, members can sign up to be listed in the database free-of-charge and will be able to select listings of up to five practice areas. After July 1, 2011, there will be a \$100 annual fee to be listed on the network.

Registering for the Lawyer-to-Lawyer Network database is quick and easy and can be done via the PBA website at [www.pabar.org](http://www.pabar.org). Look for the link to the network on the horizontal navigation bar above the news items on the website’s main page. Questions about the network should be directed to the PBA Member Service Center at 800-932-0311. ■



## Birdsall County Bar Impact Grant application deadline is March 31

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. The deadline for submission is **March 31**.

A five-person grant evaluation committee comprised of Pennsylvania Bar Foundation members appointed by the foundation 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 April 15, and the grants will be awarded during the Annual Meeting of the foundation Board of Directors and members on May 5 in Philadelphia in conjunction with the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

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

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pennsylvania Bar Foundation Executive Director E. Marie Queen at 888-238-3036 or [info@pabarfoundation.org](mailto:info@pabarfoundation.org). ■

## Supreme Court of Pa. calls on lawyers to provide more public service

Chief Justice of Pennsylvania Ronald D. Castille has issued a call to Pennsylvania’s 70,000 lawyers to volunteer more of their time and donate more of their money to help ensure Pennsylvanians with limited finances receive needed representation during “a civil legal aid crisis.”

Justice Castille wrote in a Jan. 7 letter to lawyers, “Pro bono service by Pennsylvania’s lawyers cannot be a replacement for adequate funding of the courts and the legal aid system, but the need for help among the poor to access justice is so significant that the legal community cannot wait for the funding deficiencies to be remedied.”

“The time has never been more critical for lawyers to provide pro bono legal service to the poor and the underserved of our Commonwealth,” said PBA President Gretchen A. Mundorff, who last year urged all Pennsylvania lawyers to take at least one new pro bono matter or to continue to work on an ongoing pro bono matter through a legal aid provider or an organized pro bono program. If unable to take on pro bono matters, Mundorff, like Justice Castille, has asked lawyers to make financial donations to support local or statewide civil legal aid and pro bono programs.

Read Justice Castille’s letter to lawyers and the news release at <http://www.pabar.org/pdf/ProBonoCalltoAction.pdf>. ■

### PBA Annual Meeting

**May 4-6, 2011 • Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel, Philadelphia**

## Mark your calendar!

### March 31, PBA Committee/Section Day, Holiday Inn Harrisburg East

*(Please note that this meeting date  
has been changed from the previously  
scheduled date of April 1.)*

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or injuries can be cured by  
changing the Pennsylvania  
Constitution by amendment or  
convention

- How reapportionment problems  
would be cured by adopting a  
non-partisan reapportionment  
process

For a more complete description of the forms and procedures to follow, consult the guidelines for written submissions and testimony on the webpage of the Judiciary Committee on the PBA Constitutional Review Commission website: [www.pabar.org/crc](http://www.pabar.org/crc). A statement of policies is also available by contacting: Lindsay Still by mail: Pennsylvania Bar Association, 100 South Street, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108 and by e-mail: [lindsay.still@pabar.org](mailto:lindsay.still@pabar.org).

In addition to the Judiciary Committee and the Legislative Reapportionment, there are committees of the PBA commission examining local government, public education, the structure of the General Assembly, and taxation and the uniformity clause. Some of those committees may also schedule public hearings.

In early 2012, the commission will submit a report to the PBA House of Delegates for review and possible action.

Additional information about the PBA Constitutional Review Commission is available at [www.pabar.org/crc](http://www.pabar.org/crc). ■

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for these 2011 PBA events**

**PBA Midyear Meeting**

Feb. 2-6  
Key West, Fla.

**Conference of County Bar Leaders**

Feb. 24-26  
State College

**PBA Minority Bar Conference**

March 17-18  
Doubletree Hilton, Philadelphia

**PBA Committee/Section Day**

March 31  
Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg

**PBA Annual Meeting**

May 4-6  
Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel,  
Philadelphia

**PBA House of Delegates Meeting**

May 6  
Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel,  
Philadelphia

For more details, check the PBA Events Calendar at  
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