As the Government Lawyers Committee embarks on its second year, we reflect on our successes from 1998 and look to our prospects for the future. Our once-fledgling committee is now one of the PBA’s largest and most active. We have provided a host of services and opportunities for our members, yet we strive to do even more in 1999.

Following the creation and approval of our Model Pro Bono Policy last year, 1999 marks the start of our Pro Bono Program for government lawyers. The Pro Bono Subcommittee is assisting government lawyers with the location and selection of pro bono providers with whom they can work to provide legal services to those in need.

With the adoption of our reduced fees proposal by the PBA leadership in 1998, we plan to increase membership in the PBA and the Committee. Our membership drive is in full swing and being led by our newly created Ad Hoc Membership Subcommittee. Our membership goals for the year are ambitious, and we will be soliciting your support in our endeavors throughout the year.

We are also sharing with future lawyers the benefits and opportunities of legal careers in public service. Our law school programs have been very successful in providing law students with an understanding of the rewards, challenges and importance of government service. The programs are taking place throughout the winter months and will be repeated during the fall recruiting period at the various law schools throughout the Commonwealth.

The Committee is also continuing to sponsor social awareness projects for our members. This year, we have added the American Heart Association’s Jail Bail to our list of charitable events in which we are participating. On behalf of the Committee, Steve Turner, Prosecuting Attorney in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, will be a “prisoner” and raise money for the Heart Association. This year’s Jail Bail is being held on May 1 at the Capital City Mall. Those interested in joining Steve for this worthy cause or making a contribution may contact Steve Turner, Megan Consedine or Suzanne Hueston.

This year we are also repeating some of our most popular educational and family events, such as the financial planning seminar, which will be expanded to include Pittsburgh, and the Senators Baseball Game and Picnic. We are also planning a CLE presentation on the new Lobbying Disclosure Act, which will be unveiled at the Annual Meeting in May.

As you can see, our agenda for the coming year is quite full! I encourage your participation and welcome your comments and recommendations for how we can better serve you.

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From the Editors’ Desk

Government Lawyers Are Making a Difference in Pennsylvania

By Alexis L. Barbieri and Nicolette Parisi

In December, many members of the Government Lawyers Committee met in Harrisburg for our Holiday Reception and Food Drive benefiting the Bethesda Mission. It was gratifying to see the hundreds of food and personal care items that our members contributed to the Mission, a facility in Harrisburg for homeless men and women. The Executive Director and Public Relations Coordinator of the Mission attended and were delighted with the donations.

In this edition of *News & Views*, we decided to profile the four full-time municipal government lawyers in Pennsylvania. You will find that the articles on the City Solicitors of Erie, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh reveal that the issues facing these government lawyers parallel many of those facing other state government lawyers.

Also in this edition, we provide a follow-up article on the settlement of the tobacco litigation. The financial implications of this settlement are far-reaching for the Commonwealth and all states involved and will undoubtedly impact the lives of millions of people across the country.

Our *Light News* was unabashedly provided by Steven V. Turner, Prosecuting Attorney, Department of State. As we all know, but sometimes we do not like to admit, lawyers experience embarrassing and funny incidents in their careers. Please don’t be shy about sharing such moments with your colleagues. There are times when we can all use a good laugh.

Look for our Spring 1999 edition of *News & Views* at this year’s Annual Meeting in May.

T-shirts Available

The Government Lawyers Committee has t-shirts available for $10. To purchase a t-shirt, please contact Michael Shatto at (800) 932-0311, ext. 2243.
**Subcommittee Reports**

**What’s Going On**

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**Career Enhancement**

Our subcommittee has been very busy planning and presenting the various programs at all of the law schools in Pennsylvania promoting the opportunities and benefits of a legal career in government service. In addition, the Career Enhancement Subcommittee is planning a leadership luncheon series for government attorneys in late spring of this year. Watch your mail for more details!

**Pro Bono**

As previously reported, on June 26, 1998, the PBA Board of Governors approved the concept of a pro bono policy for governmental units. The “Model Governmental Unit Administrative Policy on Pro Bono Publico Legal Services,” which our subcommittee developed, will serve as a resource and guide to the various governmental units as they develop their own pro bono policies. Following on the heels of this success, our subcommittee was given both a new name and a new mission: the Pro Bono Subcommittee is charged with promoting our model pro bono policy to governmental units, government lawyers, and the agencies which require lawyers to provide pro bono services.

**Professional Development**

The Subcommittee will present a panel discussion on Pennsylvania’s New Lobbying Disclosure Act as part of the PBA’s Annual Meeting in May. The Professional Development Subcommittee is also organizing the reprise of our Financial Planning Seminar in Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. Watch your mail for registration information.

**Services to Members**

Based on suggestions from membership, the Subcommittee is working with the Public Relations Subcommittee and representatives of the PBA to establish a Government Lawyers Committee web site. Also, we are going to be mailing to each Committee member a copy of the PBA’s *Guide to Member Benefits and Services*. The *Guide* provides a comprehensive list of the services and benefits that attach to membership in the PBA. With the *Guide* will be a form for Committee members to complete and offer recommendations to the Subcommittee regarding services and benefits that might be of particular value to government attorneys.

**Social**

The Social Subcommittee continues to actively schedule social awareness projects for the Committee. We are presently organizing this year’s team for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, which is being held in Harrisburg on June 26-27. Please contact team co-captains Sarah Yerger or Bob Shea if you would like to participate or make a contribution. Also, Steve Turner has volunteered on behalf of the Committee to be a prisoner in the American Heart Association’s 1999 Jail Bail on May 1.

Also, the Subcommittee is setting the Committee’s social calendar for the year. Currently, we are planning a reception to be held during the PBA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. We also have scheduled a Senators baseball game and picnic for June 17. Members, family and friends are invited.

The Social Subcommittee is continually adding new events to our calendar, so please contact Megan Consedine or Suzanne Hueston with suggestions for other social events and social awareness projects you would like us to sponsor.

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More than 100 government lawyers from across the Commonwealth, along with Paul Tufano, chair of the Committee, presented canned goods and personal care items to the Executive Director of the Bethesda Mission during the committee’s Holiday Reception at the PBA.

“The members of the Government Lawyers Committee are delighted to bring some holiday cheer to area people in need. Realizing that the holidays are a difficult time for many people, we felt that it was important for us to remember and help those less fortunate. We are anxious to make this donation drive a continuing effort,” Tufano said.

This holiday season marked the beginning of an annual effort by the PBA Government Lawyers to assist area charitable organizations in providing services to the less fortunate. The committee plans to rotate its annual donations through a variety of similar organizations in the future.

The committee also participates in other philanthropic endeavors throughout the year. In the spring of last year, the committee sponsored a team to participate in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. The team raised more than $3,500 to help in the fight against cancer. Committee members also participated on the Governor’s Office Team in the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in October of last year. The team raised more than $3,000, and committee member Doreen McCall raised the most money for the team.

“There is always an increased request for our services during the winter. We are thankful to the Government Lawyers Committee of the PBA for their donations. Because of their commitment of time and energy, we will have additional resources to help meet the needs of those coming to our doors seeking help,” noted Bryan Yesilonis, Executive Director of the Bethesda Mission.

Bryan Yesilonis, the Executive Director of the Bethesda Mission, thanks committee members for their contributions.
**Light News**

**First Impressions**

*By Steven V. Turner, Prosecuting Attorney*

*Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, Department of State*

A number of years ago when I was practicing at a large Philadelphia law firm, I represented the estate of a woman who had been very seriously injured and later died from a car accident in Salisbury, Md. I flew from Philadelphia to Salisbury to prepare the trauma physician for his upcoming videotape trial deposition. When I arrived, I caught a cab to the doctor’s office.

As I was getting out of the cab, I slipped on some ice and my legs flew out from under me, causing my pants to rip. The rip went right along the seam from the bottom of the zipper all the way up the back side of the pants. Fortunately, I had a long winter coat on as I walked timidly into the doctor’s office reception area.

When I arrived, I explained to the nurse that I was feeling a cold draft and explained why. I asked for a needle and thread and the location of the nearest bathroom. She offered to sew my pants for me but I told her that my mother had been quite insistent that both my brother and I learn how to do simple sewing repairs including buttons and rips along seams. Mercifully, she kept insisting; I thankfully agreed to let her do the repair.

She told me to go into the restroom, take off my pants, and hand them out to her through the door. I followed her instructions and sheepishly handed the pants to her while trying to conceal myself as best as I could behind the partially-opened door.

There I stood in the bathroom, attired in a dark blue pin striped suit coat, white shirt and tie, underwear, dark socks and dark shoes. I then heard the door open and in walked the trauma physician whom I was to meet in five minutes to prepare for this “life and death” testimony. The doctor opened the door and looked me up and down with a quizzical expression. I stuck my hand out to shake his hand and said “Hi doctor. I’m the lawyer from Philadelphia here representing Mrs. Smith’s estate. Even though I am standing here in your men’s room with no pants on, I want you to know that I will fully prepare you for your testimony. I am going to do a good job in this case.”

By this time, the nurse returned with my pants and the rest of our meeting went as uneventfully as it possibly could — given the fact that this physician’s permanent image of Philadelphia lawyers is a young man standing in his restroom with no pants on.

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**Tobacco Litigation Update**

*By Doreen A. McCall, Assistant General Counsel*

*Governor’s Office of General Counsel*

On Jan. 13, Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge John W. Herron approved the historic settlement between Pennsylvania and the tobacco industry. Pennsylvania expects to recover more than $11 billion from the settlement.

Under the terms of the agreement, tobacco companies will pay $206 billion over a twenty-five year period. The Commonwealth could receive its first payment of $138 million as early as March. The second payment would be $368 million and after that, the state will receive between $398 million and $482 million annually for the next 25 years. Pennsylvania Office of Administration Secretary Tom Paese is coordinating the Administration’s efforts on how to spend the money.

In November 1998, Attorney General Mike Fisher and seven other Attorneys General from California, Colorado, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Washington announced that they had reached a national settlement with the tobacco industry after five months of negotiations. The settlement imposed extensive bans on the marketing of tobacco products and provided for the (continued from Page 11)
Close Up

Practicing Law for the City by the Lake

A Profile of Greg Karle, City Solicitor for the City of Erie

By Mary Anne Wesdock, Senior Assistant Counsel, Environmental Hearing Board

Erie City Solicitor Greg Karle recites the virtues of making his home on the shores of Lake Erie and the city which bears its name: “Presque Isle is beautiful in the summer — you can ride a bike around the peninsula, roller blade, swim in the lake ... .” And what about Erie in the winter? He laughs slightly, “Well, it’s not Miami Beach.”

Greg is a graduate of the University of Dayton, where he majored in accounting and later obtained his law degree in 1980. He began his legal practice as a tax attorney.

In 1985, Greg joined the City Solicitor’s Office as an Assistant Solicitor and in 1994 was appointed by the mayor to head the office. As City Solicitor, he supervises a staff that includes two full-time and two part-time Assistant Solicitors, a paralegal and a secretary. He is also associated with the Erie law firm of Dailey, Restifo & Dailey.

As the City Solicitor, Greg handles a variety of issues, ranging from drafting city ordinances to litigating quite controversial cases. In one such case, his office defended a public decency statute, which the City Council had recently enacted in an attempt to regulate strip clubs. While the local trial court struck down the statute as unconstitutional, Greg won the appeal before the Commonwealth Court. However, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court reversed and held the statute violated the First Amendment. Greg filed a writ of certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court, which is currently pending.

Not all of Greg’s cases make him popular. In 1990, when the city sought to reorganize its water bureau into a water authority, it was discovered that certain water authority directors did not live within the service area, which was required. It was Greg’s job to petition the court to have them removed. While he won his case — both at trial and appellate levels — he did not exactly experience the thrill of victory. In addition, Greg notes that members of the public are not shy about voicing their complaints and expectations at City Council meetings.

One of the most active areas of his work as City Solicitor involves Pennsylvania’s Act 111, which requires municipalities to enter into binding arbitration with uniformed employees, in departments such as the police and fire departments. His office handles grievances filed by employees and renegotiates existing contracts.

While his work as City Solicitor requires that he handle a variety of legal issues at the same time, Greg describes this as the best part of his job. “I like the diversity of my work,” he states. “I’ve done trial work. I’ve appeared before the Third Circuit. I have a case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. I’ve seen so many interesting issues. Private practice doesn’t always give you these opportunities.”

A Few Good Writers Needed

News & Views is eager to provide our members with current information that will assist them. We invite members to send articles, submissions for departments, photos or letters to the editor for publication in the Newsletter.

Please send submissions to News & Views Newsletter, c/o Alicia Campbell Morgan, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 100 South St., P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186 or e-mail: publications@pabar.org.

Any comments or suggestions are welcome.
Committed to Public Service in Pittsburgh

A Profile of Jacqueline Morrow, City Solicitor for the City of Pittsburgh

By Mary Anne Wesdock
Senior Assistant Counsel
Environmental Hearing Board

Sitting in her third-floor office of the City-County Building, surrounded by plants, a bike (for riding the city’s new Eliza Furnace bike trail), and, of course, stacks of files and paperwork, Jacqueline Morrow talks enthusiastically about her job as City Solicitor for the City of Pittsburgh. Having been appointed to head the city’s law department by Pittsburgh Mayor Tom Murphy five years ago, Morrow has not lost any enthusiasm or spark for her work. In an era of attorney dissatisfaction with their career paths, it is refreshing to hear Jacqueline describe her’s as “a hugely cool job.”

With a Bachelor’s Degree in English from Clark University and a Juris Doctor degree in 1982 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Jacqueline began her legal career with the State Public School Building Authority in Harrisburg and subsequently moved to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency. It was during this time that she developed an interest in transactional work and tax-exempt financing, which she found intriguing.

In 1985, she joined the law firm of Rose, Schmidt, Hasley and DiSalle, where she continued to handle transactional matters. As she became more involved in this arena, she realized she wanted to be closer to the business deal.

This led Jacqueline into corporate law and to Giant Eagle, Inc., which owns a chain of mega-grocery stores throughout Western Pennsylvania and the surrounding region. As an in-house counsel at Giant Eagle, she was responsible for incorporating new businesses, creating partnerships and managing litigation. As in the past, much of her work also centered around real estate, including limited offerings to finance real estate development.

While Jacqueline found her work at Giant Eagle to be intellectually fascinating, it did not satisfy a sense of inner purpose, which she considered to be essential to her life’s work. Throughout her career, she has been driven by purposefulness. It has always been important for her to answer the question, “What is the purpose [of my work]?” In addition, she had reached a point in her career path where she was ready to be in charge.

Early in 1994, Jacqueline was given that opportunity. Pittsburgh’s then newly elected Mayor Murphy named Jacqueline to the position of City Solicitor, a role which brings together the three criteria which she considers essential to her life’s work: a subject matter which is intellectually stimulating; an opportunity to be in charge; and, a sense of purpose. Jacqueline takes pride in being able to say, “What I do does matter. [My staff and I] are the ‘stewards of democracy.’”

However, Jacqueline has not forgotten the path she forged to reach this point and sees her current position as a natural progression from her role as corporate counsel. She likens her position as City Solicitor to that of general counsel to a municipal corporation, in which the mayor is the chief executive officer and the city council is the board of directors. In this capacity, she represents the city as a municipal corporation, advises the mayor and city council, prepares and approves all contracts in which the city is involved, and provides legal advice to city departments. In addition, she manages the city’s Office of Municipal Investigations. To accomplish all of this, she supervises a staff of 50.

The largest issue facing the Office of City Solicitor and, indeed, the one on which Jacqueline spends much of her time is that of policing the city. Since most public interaction with local government involves one of the three “p’s” — police, public works or parks — they are likely to be the subject of public scrutiny. Of the issues Jacqueline faces on a daily basis, 50 percent deal with the city’s police department.

Jacqueline will continue to focus on her role as general counsel to the state’s second-largest city, doubtlessly loving every minute of it.
Close Up

Harrisburg’s Chief Counselor

A Profile of Judith B. Schimmel,
City Solicitor for the City of Harrisburg

By Leslie Lewis Johnson
University Legal Counsel
State System of Higher Education

The diversity of issues that cross her desk is what makes work challenging and rewarding for Judith B. Schimmel, Solicitor for the City of Harrisburg. As Solicitor for the state’s capital, Judy has “superintendence, direction and control of the law matters of the city.” Her duties encompass all areas relating to the operation of a municipality, including legislative and regulatory drafting, taxation, municipal borrowing, economic development, zoning, employee relations, civil rights and codes enforcement. Judy also represents the city as both plaintiff and defendant before administrative tribunals and in court.

Judy has been the Harrisburg City Solicitor from 1985-89 and from 1993 to the present. In 1997, she and her staff of only two attorneys and two paralegals opened 884 new matters and closed 718. These matters included: handling litigation; responding to requests for legal opinions; negotiating and preparing contracts; supervising employee relations matters; and, processing and monitoring bankruptcy cases.

Judy’s responsibilities also include representing the city in special projects. For example, she was directly involved in the transactions relating to the city’s groundbreaking purchase of a major downtown hotel, and she served as the hotel project manager, closing the deal in only seven weeks. Similarly, Judy was appointed to be the city’s representative to the Airport Divestiture Group. This five-member regional committee negotiated the divestiture of the Commonwealth’s ownership of the Harrisburg International Airport and the Capital City Airport. Judy prepared legislation for Cumberland, Dauphin and York Counties and the cities of Harrisburg and York to create the joint municipal authority, which owns and operates the two airports. Also, she has served on the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority since 1977 and has been its Treasurer since 1998.

Judy received a history degree from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY, and a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Before joining the city’s Law Bureau in 1982 as a Senior Staff Attorney, she started her career as a litigation associate with the Pittsburgh law firm of Rose, Schmidt & Dixon (now Rose, Schmidt, Hasley & DiSalle). She subsequently joined the Bureau of Consumer Protection, Pennsylvania Department of Justice (now the Office of Attorney General), where she remained for five years, including a term as the Acting Director.

In 1989, after serving her first term as Solicitor, Judy was appointed Chief Counsel to the Crime Victim’s Compensation Board and the Commission on Crime and Delinquency, positions that she held for four years. In 1993, she returned to city government and to the position of Solicitor.

Despite her very busy schedule, Judy manages to find the time to serve as the Chair of the Local Government Subcommittee and is the Treasurer of the Government Law Section of the Dauphin County Bar Association. She is the Vice Chair of the International Municipal Lawyers Association, Litigation Section, and a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Minority Bar Committee.

According to Judy, her job is interesting and challenging because of the variety of issues that she handles on a daily basis. She noted that a solicitor must be a generalist and prepared to handle many issues, both legal and non-legal in nature. Judy finds that she has become more pragmatic over time in her approach to problem solving, and she always ends her analysis with the question, “What is in the best interest of the city?”
Close Up

Serving the City of Brotherly Love

A Profile of Stephanie L. Franklin-Suber, City Solicitor for the City of Philadelphia

By Alexis L. Barbieri
Executive Deputy Attorney General
Office of Attorney General

Stephanie L. Franklin-Suber was sworn into office as the City Solicitor for the City of Philadelphia by Mayor Edward G. Rendell in January 1997. She is the top attorney for the Commonwealth’s largest city. While she had considered pursuing a position in the City Solicitor’s Office while in law school, the path of her career to her present position has had some detours. Along the way, Stephanie was personally influenced by such luminaries in the law as Sadie Alexander, the Hon. A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. and the Hon. Clifford Scott Green.

Stephanie graduated from Vassar College in 1979 with a degree in economics and earned her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. She accepted a clerkship with Judge Higgenbotham on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and clerked for him from September 1983 until August 1985. She spent another year as a law clerk for the Hon. Clifford Scott Green, a judge on the Federal Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Next, Stephanie accepted a position in the business department of the Philadelphia law firm of Schnader, Harrison, Segal and Lewis. Originally, this was to be a one- or two-year stint to acquire experience in private practice, and then she planned to pursue an academic career. However, when she left the firm eight years later, she was a partner in Schnader’s business department.

In March 1994, Stephanie joined the City Solicitor’s Office as Chair of the Corporate Group. In this position, she was responsible for all corporate matters in the Law Department, and managed the various units within that group including: the Commercial Law Unit; Health and Human Services Unit; and Regulatory Affairs Unit. Then, in November 1996, she was appointed the Acting City Solicitor for the City of Philadelphia, and was sworn in January 1997 as the City Solicitor, the position that she continues to hold.

The City Solicitor serves at the pleasure of the Mayor, and as the chief legal officer for the City represents the Mayor, the Administration, the City Council, the City Controller and more than 30 City departments, commissions and agencies. As a result, there are occasions when Stephanie advises the Mayor on the legal aspects of a particular issue; the City Council on various legal aspects of passing legislation addressing that legal issue; and, the appropriate governmental entities of the impact of the legislation on the residents of the city. In addition, the Solicitor is the executive head of the Law Department, and in that capacity, Stephanie directs the activities of the City’s Law Department, which is comprised of 340 employees including lawyers, legal assistants, analysts and support staff. In this role, she oversees the management of the Law Department and various budgetary issues.

In keeping with the philosophy of her mentor, Judge Higginbotham, Stephanie is dedicated to the principal that public service is a privilege. The impact of the advice and counsel that the Solicitor provides to the citizens of the City of Philadelphia is felt on every level. As a result, Stephanie firmly believes that anyone holding this position, must be prepared to be held to a higher standard.

The variety and complexity of the issues handled and the numerous clients, whose interests are not always consistent, make the position of the City Solicitor endlessly fascinating. In addition, balancing a wide array of matters; the tremendous pace of the practice; and, the limited resources of government add to the challenge.
Government Lawyers in the News

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Elected
Luci Jankowski McClure, Counsel for the Division of Enforcement and Litigation of the Pennsylvania Securities Commission, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia and the Women’s Board of the Salvation Army Gateway Service Center in Philadelphia.

Speaking Out

Department of State Chief Counsel Robert J. DeSousa, and Deputy Chief Counsel Gerard Mackarevich are members of a cadre of facilitators who are providing training to employees throughout state government as part of the Office of Administration’s course entitled “Achieving Extraordinary Customer Relations.” The Office of Administration recently launched the innovative program, which seeks to heighten the awareness of front-line employees and mid-level supervisors of the importance of providing excellent service to an agency’s internal as well as external customers.

Howard A. Burde, Deputy General Counsel for the Office of General Counsel, James T. Steele Jr., Acting Chief Counsel for the Department of Health, John A. Kane, Chief Counsel for the Department of Public Welfare, Thomas J. Blazusiak, Senior Assistant Counsel for the Department of Public Welfare’s Northeast Region, Lori McLaughlin, Assistant Counsel for the Department of Health, and Mary Frances Grabowski, Senior Assistant Counsel for the Department of Public Welfare, are featured speakers at the 5th Annual Health Law Institute being held in Philadelphia March 18-19.

Michael J. Creighton, Assistant Counsel-in-Charge of the Department of Transportation’s Western Regional Office spoke to the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Real Estate Institute on the principles of eminent domain law on Dec. 2.

Edward M. Flick, Counsel for the Department of General Services, presented a continuing legal education program in Harrisburg on Jan. 27. The presentation, “Legal Issues Relating to Commonwealth Real Estate,” was part of the lunch and learn continuing legal education programs sponsored by the Office of General Counsel.

Deputy Chief Counsel of Litigation for the Department of Insurance, Terrance A. Keating, lectured on “Pennsylvania Insurance Regulation” at the Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University, on Feb. 10.

Lawrence Barth, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Charitable Trusts & Organizations Section, Office of Attorney General, was the speaker at the Philadelphia Estate Planning Council’s Fourth Roundtable Session held Feb. 4. Additionally, he spoke before the Exempt Organizations Committee of the Tax Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association on Jan. 21, on “The Attorney General’s View of the Sale of Nonprofit Assets.”

Lawrence M. Otter, Assistant Counsel for the Department of Health, spoke at the 28th Annual Conference of the Association of Health Facility Survey Agencies on Oct. 28, in St. Louis, Miss. Mr. Otter’s presentation, “Take the Offensive: A Litigator’s Approach to Nursing Home Regulations” provided information on recent court opinions regarding surveyor access to nursing home records.

On Dec. 10, James T. Steele Jr., Acting Chief Counsel for the Department of Health, spoke to the Society of Healthcare Attorney’s Meeting in Harrisburg. Mr. Steele discussed the Department’s healthcare facility regulations.

On Nov. 24, the State Employees Retirement System’s (SERS) Deputy Chief Counsel Brian McDonough spoke before the Family Law Section of the Dauphin County Bar Association about the equitable distribution of public pensions in Pennsylvania.

Alexis L. Barbieri, Executive Deputy Attorney General, Director of the Public Protection Division, Office of Attorney General, was the moderator for the National Consumer Protection Week program, entitled “A Consumer Education Forum,” held in Philadelphia on Feb. 3.

Joseph K. Goldberg, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Office of Attorney General, was a member of the Committee that developed and planned the first National Consumer Protection Week, held February 1-7. Activities included consumer Help Fairs held around the country; coordinating federal-state law enforcement sweeps;
and the presentation of three Consumer of the Year Awards at a ceremony at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

Douglas P. Yauger, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection, Office of Attorney General, oversaw and attended the National Consumer Protection Week functions in Pittsburgh on Jan. 29; in Philadelphia on Feb. 3; the National Press Club in Washington on Feb. 4; and Harrisburg on Feb. 5.

Honored

Deputy General Counsel Glen R. Grell, Department of Transportation, Assistant Chief Counsel Robert J. Shea and other members of the Commonwealth’s six-person negotiating team for the divestiture of Harrisburg International Airport to the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority were named winners of the 1998 President’s Transportation Award in Aviation awarded by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Appointed

The Executive Committee of the Joint State Government Commission, which is comprised of the legislative leadership, has named David L. Hostetter counsel to the Commission. Conrad C.M. Arsenberg was named Director of the Commission. Mr. Hostetter has over 18 years experience as Assistant Counsel to the Commission and Mr. Arsenberg has nearly 30 years with the Commission and the Attorney General’s Office. The Commission is the bipartisan, bicameral research agency for the General Assembly.

Martin Sokolow has been appointed Acting Chief Counsel for the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Sokolow has been regional counsel for the Department’s Southcentral Regional Office in Harrisburg since 1988.

Professional Accomplishments

Arthur F. McNulty, Chief Counsel for the Pennsylvania Medical Professional Liability Catastrophe Loss Fund, passed the first part of the Registered Professional Liability Underwriting Society’s (RPLUS) exam relating to medical professional liability. RPLUS is a national society that credentials professionals in the field of professional liability insurance.

If you have a news item for In the Spotlight, please submit it and a photo (if available) to Lesa E. Tressler, Assistant Counsel, Department of Health, Room 825, Health & Welfare Building, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, PA 17108 or e-mail: ltressle@health.state.pa.us.
Stay Tuned

Mar. 16  Law School Program
        Villanova University School of Law - 4:00p.m.

TBA   Financial Planning Seminar, Dates for Harrisburg and Pittsburgh
to be announced. Watch your mail for more details.

May 1  American Heart Association's Jail Bail
        Capital City Mall, Harrisburg

May 5-7 PBA Annual Meeting
        Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia
        • PA's New Lobbying Disclosure Act,
          1.5 sub. CLE credits, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., Wed. May 5
        • Committee Reception, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Wed. May 5
          Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia

June 17 Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game and Picnic
        5:30-7:00p.m. picnic, 7:05p.m. first pitch

June 26-27 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life
        Harrisburg's City Island, 12:00p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Nov. 17-21 PBA Midyear Meeting
        Orlando, FL

Contact Megan Consedine at (717) 772-9002 or Suzanne Hueston at (717) 783-6563 for more information or with suggestions for other events and activities.