Members, Ensure the Accuracy of Your Listing in the 2017 Lawyers Directory & Product Guide — Sept. 16 Deadline

Preparations are underway for the 2017 edition of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Lawyers Directory & Product Guide, which will be available in mid-January. The editors are requesting assistance from all PBA members to ensure the accuracy of the information to be included in the 2017 volume.

Have you changed law firms or your address, phone and/or fax numbers?
The PBA Lawyers Directory & Product Guide lists members’ names, office addresses, law firm names, phone numbers and fax numbers. This information will be taken from the PBA’s database on Sept. 16, 2016. If you have moved since January 2016 or if you are planning to move your office and you know your new address and phone and fax numbers, you have until Sept. 16, 2016, to report the change to the PBA. If you do not report the change, your former information will appear in the 2017 edition of the directory. You can change your record by calling Jodi Wilbert at 800-932-0311, ext. 2238, or via email to jodi.wilbert@pabar.org.

Do you have a home office?
In an effort to protect members’ privacy, the directory does not list members at their home addresses unless they have indicated that their office and home addresses are the same. If you work at home but have not designated your home address as your office address for official mail, you should have received a postcard from the PBA asking you to verify that your home and office addresses are the same and that it is acceptable for the PBA to publish your address in the directory. If you have not received the postcard, you should contact Jodi Wilbert at the email address above.

Don’t want to be listed in the directory?
If you do not wish to be listed in the directory, please send your request in writing to Marcy C. Mallory, PBA Communications Director, PO. Box 186, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108-0186 or via email to marcy.mallory@pabar.org. In order to ensure the authenticity of the requests, phone requests will not be honored.

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Making a Difference

The Pennsylvania Bar News column that highlights Pennsylvania attorneys who make a difference in their communities by providing extraordinary pro bono service and/or other community services in the public interest.

Malcolm Murray, Philadelphia

Malcolm Murray is a judicial law clerk with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Describe your pro bono work.
I have been involved in the PBA/YLD Statewide Mock Trial Competition for the past two years. I assisted with mock trial programs at First Philadelphia Charter School in 2015 and Girard Academy of Music this past year. Generally, I help students with the Rules of Evidence and general trial-practice strategies.

Why do you participate in pro bono?
Public service is my background. Prior to law school I spent a year teaching computer literacy and remedial math classes as an AmeriCorps volunteer, and as an undergraduate student I volunteered at health clinics that were located in impoverished communities.

I was adopted at age 4. Because of my personal background and life experiences I always knew my legal career would be centered around public-service and pro bono work. I have great empathy for the poor, young children from inner-city neighborhoods and people who come from underprivileged backgrounds.

How did you first become involved?
I met attorney Roberta West, formerly the head of Temple-LEAP [Legal Education and Participation Program], shortly after passing the Pennsylvania bar exam in 2014. When I asked her how I could get involved in LEAP and other programs, she introduced me to PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Trevaskis, who helped me become involved in numerous pro bono service initiatives in Philadelphia. These include an “Introduction to Law” class at the Community College of Philadelphia (CCP), the Wills for Heroes program and the PBA Minority Bar Committee’s Minority Law Day.

Does your pro bono work deal with legal issues different from your regular practice areas? If so, how do you adapt?
Most of my legal education has involved advising and/or preparing judicial opinions for judges. I have worked for four judges, including during law school, in my post-graduate work in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and in my current federal clerkship with the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Throughout all these experiences I have handled both criminal and civil matters.

My pro bono work deals mostly with criminal law. For instance, our classes at CCP and Minority Law Day have both provided instruction on Fourth Amendment law as it relates to school searches and seizure. Fourth Amendment law is something I handled regularly in the Court of Common Pleas.

What have been the personal rewards?
I am excited when children from disadvantaged communities learn new things through our legal-education programs. Seeing a child who may otherwise have limited opportunities — educational and otherwise — actively engaged in the learning process brings me much hope and personal fulfillment.