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Dear Colleagues and Friends:



Welcome to the inaugural “Outreach to Children Summit,” sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation and the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network. Your presence is visible proof of your noble commitment to helping our Commonwealth’s most precious resource – its children.

With its theme of “Children & Families in the System: Protect, Educate, Motivate,” this Summit brings together those of us involved in Pennsylvania’s justice, health, business and education communities to find new ways to promote a positive interaction with the justice system for children and their families. We will be challenged to elevate our efforts to ensure that all children are treated fairly and with dignity and loving care.

As result of our efforts today, let us establish the building blocks needed in all segments of our society to protect, educate and motivate our young people and to provide them with a sound foundation for tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Horoho Jr.
PBA President

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Noon	Joint Lunch with PLAN Conference
1:15 p.m.	Afternoon Session Five Ideas that You Can Take Home
3:00 p.m.	Final Session: What Happens Next?
4:00 p.m.	Pro Bono Awards Recognition Ceremony
4:15 p.m.	Reception and Summit Celebration



Steven M. Altschuler, M.D. is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the nation's oldest hospital dedicated to the care of sick children. Children's Hospital's Board of Trustees elected him to his position in April 2000 after an intensive national search. Prior to assuming this role, he was Physician-in-Chief and first holder of the Leonard and Madlyn Abramson Endowed Chair in Pediatric Medicine at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. His appointment followed a national search for those positions, as well. Dr. Altschuler took the reins of the now 430-bed Hospital initiating the greatest period of growth

the institution has known in its 150-year history. It is now the largest integrated pediatric health care network in the U.S. with nine outpatient specialty centers, four primary care centers, inpatient and intensive care (NICU and PICU) units at five community hospitals, a poison control center, and 28 primary care (Kids First) practices in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. A world leader in patient care, education and research, the multi-specialty Children's Hospital provides comprehensive pediatric services including home care to children from before birth through age 19. In the last four national surveys conducted by both *Child Magazine* and *U.S. News & World Report*, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia was rated the #1 children's hospital. Children's Hospital is second in the United States among all children's hospitals in total research funding from the National Institutes of Health. It is the pediatric teaching site for the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, although it is autonomous medically, administratively, and financially.

As a clinician, scientific investigator, and administrator, Dr. Altschuler has come to his present position with broad academic health system experience. During the past two decades at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia as a physician-investigator, the Gastroenterology Division Chief and the hospital's Physician-in-Chief, Dr. Altschuler led the development of new care delivery models, academic and research support mechanisms, and improved physician-hospital administration relationships that fostered growth and enhanced the prominence of the hospital's clinical, research and educational programs.

Dr. Altschuler received his B.A. in mathematics and M.D. from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. His pediatric internship and residency were taken at Children's Hospital Medical Center-Boston. He completed fellowship training in Gastroenterology and Nutrition at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. From 1985 to 2000 he was faculty member of the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. His academic interest were focused in the area of Gastrointestinal Motility and included the leadership of a large clinical program, NIH funded research laboratory, and fellowship training program. He is a frequent guest lecturer locally, nationally and internationally, study section reviewer for the NIH, scientific journal reviewer, and the author or co-author of more than 90 scientific articles, books and abstracts. He is the former editor-in-chief of *E-Medicine- Pediatrics* and co-editor of two medical textbooks.

Currently, Dr. Altschuler serves on the boards of COTH (AAMC), NACHRI, ACGME, and is Chair of Child Health Corporation of America Board (Multi-billion dollar Group Purchasing Organization) and the Committee of Health Professionals of the AHA.

Dr. Altschuler lives in Center City Philadelphia with his wife Robin. They have one son.



Justice Max Baer was elected to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in November of 2003, and assumed his duties on January 5, 2004. Prior to his elevation to the Supreme Court, Justice Baer served on the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County from January of 1990 to December of 2003. He spent the first 9½ of those years in Family Division, and was the Administrative Judge of the Division for 5½ years. During this tenure, Justice Baer implemented far-reaching reforms to both Juvenile Court and Domestic Relations, earning him statewide and national recognition. Justice Baer eventually was assigned to the Civil Division, where he continued to distinguish himself until assuming his new duties

on the Supreme Court.

In acknowledgement of his innovations in family court, in 1997, Justice Baer was named Pennsylvania's Adoption Advocate of the year. In 1998, the Federal Department of Health and Human Services presented him with the Adoption 2002 Excellence Award for Judicial Innovation. He was honored for receipt of this award at a White House ceremony presided over by President and Mrs. Clinton. In 1998, the Domestic Relations Association of Pennsylvania honored Justice Baer for his years of dedicated service to Pennsylvania families, and in 2000, the Pennsylvania Bar Association named him Child Advocate of the Year. In 2003, the Justice accepted the Champion of Children's Award from the Homeless Children's Education Fund, in 2004, was recognized as "most valuable peacemaker" by Pennsylvania's Council of Mediators, and in 2005, he was awarded the Three Rivers Youth Nellie Award for Civic Leadership.

Justice Baer is the former Chairperson of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee, and an *ex officio* representative to the Juvenile Court Judges Commission. He has served on the Joint State Government Commissions on Adoption Law and Services to Children and Youth, and is the former chair of the Pennsylvania Conference of Trial Judges Family Law Section and a former member of the Conference's Education Committee. The Justice has served as a guest professor at Carnegie Mellon University over the years, and has been a frequent lecturer to professional and lay groups throughout Pennsylvania on various issues. He has also served on numerous Boards, including Family Services of Western Pennsylvania, Catholic Charities and the Consumer Credit Counseling Corporation.

Judge Baer wrote two chapters for The Judge's Book, a publication of the National Conference of State Trial Judges; authored "*Custody Wars – The Creation of a New Weapon of Mass Destruction*," 21 PA Family Lawyer, Issue No. 4, 1999, and *Family Law and Civility; Can They Coexist?* 24 Family Lawyer, Issue No. 1, 2002; and was a guest columnist for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, commenting on the Elian Gonzales case.

Wendy Demchick-Alloy, Esquire has been a prosecutor for over nineteen years, serving in two counties under four administrations in both Montgomery and Philadelphia counties. In the Montgomery County DA's Office, she served as head of the county Grand Jury, head of the Major Crimes Unit and head of the Sex Crimes Unit. In the Philadelphia DA's Office, Ms. Alloy was assigned to the Juvenile, Rape, Child Abuse and Homicide Units.



Although she has received considerable recognition for her successful prosecution of those accused of murder, rape and child abuse and molestation, her personal focus has been the need for victim representation in cases involving rape and child abuse. In 1998, while serving as a prosecutor in Montgomery County, Ms.

Demchick-Alloy established the Montgomery Child Advocacy Project (MCAP). MCAP has grown from a handful of attorneys at the outset to over 120 pro bono attorneys in 2007. MCAP attorneys represent abused and neglected children in Montgomery County Court. Ms. Demchick-Alloy currently serves as the organization's Project Director.

Admitted to practice before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court, Ms. Demchick-Alloy is a member of both the Montgomery Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. She is an immediate past member of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association. She has received numerous honors, awards and commendations from police departments throughout Montgomery County, the United States Attorney, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Citizens Crime Commission among others, for her successful work as a prosecutor and for her continuing commitment to protecting the rights of crime victims, specifically children.

Ms. Demchick-Alloy also currently serves on the Boards of Directors of the Montgomery County Correctional Facility Prison, the Victims Services Center of Montgomery County and Security on Campus. She often presents training seminars to professionals and law enforcement throughout the region on topics ranging from forensics in a murder case to the prosecution of rape and child sexual abuse cases. She has been a guest lecturer at Villanova Law School, Gwynedd Mercy College and Temple University. She is often a guest participant on several television and radio talk shows.

Among the high profile cases she successfully prosecuted was the General Wayne Inn murder case against Guy Sileo which she handled with Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce L. Castor, Jr. She also prosecuted the case against Paul Bellina which was known as the "Naked Neighbor" homicide in Upper Gwynedd.

Ms. Demchick-Alloy received her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University in 1978. During her freshman year she studied in Tel Aviv University, Israel. She graduated from Villanova Law School in 1981. She is married to Dr. Curtis A. Alloy for 25 years and they have two daughters, twenty-year old Zoe and fifteen-year-old Tess.



William Higgins, Jr., Esquire- Born and raised in the Philadelphia area, William Higgins, Jr. moved across Pennsylvania to Bedford to take a job as a prosecutor following his graduation from law school. After serving as First Assistant District Attorney of Bedford County for three years, Bill made the bold decision to run for District Attorney. While running for District Attorney, Bill opened a general law practice, focusing primarily in the area of family law.

In keeping with his campaign promise, he closed his private practice when he was elected on November 4, 2003. He was sworn in on January 2, 2004, and at the time, he was the youngest District Attorney in Pennsylvania. He is currently running unopposed for his second term as Bedford County District Attorney.

Bill proudly serves as the Chair-elect of the Pennsylvania Bar Association- Young Lawyers Division. He has served on several panels and CLE programs sponsored by the PBA-YLD, including, "Using Your Law Degree as a Springboard into Politics," at the New Admittee Conference in March, 2004; "Non-Traditional Legal Careers," and "Appellate Oral Argument Practicum," both at the YLD Summer Conference in July, 2005. He has served as a reverse mentor teaching experienced members of the Bar the benefits of online legal research through InCite presentations. Additionally, Bill has made countless presentations on Controlled Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence.

Bill is a member of the American Bar Association, and the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association. He is also active in his local Bar, serving as Chair of three committees of the Bedford County Bar Association: Pro-Bono Activities, Community Relations, and Continuing Legal Education. An active member of his community, Bill presently serves as Vice-President of the Bedford Rotary Club, and is a past president of the Bedford Lions Club. Bill earned his *Juris Doctorate* from Widener University School of Law, Delaware Campus, in 1999, and his B.A. in English from Villanova University, in 1996. This past year, Bill was honored by Widener University as the Outstanding Recent Alumni for 2006.

Bill has worked extensively promoting education about the law and serves as the Co-Chair of the PBA statewide mock trial program. He sees the value of such educational activities enhanced by the service implicit in the teen court effort that he will discuss at the Summit. Bill and his wife Amy were married in June, 2001, are proud parents of their 2 year daughter, Sara Patricia Higgins, and are expecting their second child in August, 2007.



Scott Hollander, Esquire is the Executive Director of KidsVoice, a Pittsburgh non-profit agency that advocates for 5,000 abused, neglected and at-risk children each year. Over the past six years, KidsVoice has increased its staff from ten to more than sixty and the annual budget from \$500,000 to \$3.8 million.

Hollander received the 2004 Child Advocate of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the 2004 Child Advocacy Award from the American Bar Association for his work at KidsVoice in developing a multidisciplinary approach to child advocacy that teams attorneys with other professionals on the KidsVoice staff with backgrounds in child development, social work, education, mental health, physical therapy, and substance abuse and domestic violence treatment.

He testified before the Northern Ireland Assembly about potential reforms in the child welfare system and the proposed creation of new national position, Commissioner For Children, to oversee all children's issues in Northern Ireland.

He co-authored the Uniform Tribal Children's Code, the child abuse and neglect laws for the seven Native American Tribes of Michigan. He also developed the nation's first program to recruit and train volunteer attorneys to represent children in domestic violence cases involving restraining orders between parents. That pro bono program was named by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges as a "best practices" model in 1997. Hollander was the only child advocate appointed by the National Center for State Courts to help conduct a national study and evaluation of custody decisions in domestic violence cases.

He is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell and was selected by his peers as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer, which means that he is considered among the top 5% of lawyers in Pennsylvania.

Before joining KidsVoice, Hollander was an attorney with the Pittsburgh firm of Evans Ivory and a law firm in Seattle. He previously served as the senior staff attorney and pro bono coordinator at the Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center in Denver and taught child advocacy and trial skills as an adjunct professor at the University of Denver College of Law. He currently teaches at Duquesne University Law School as an adjunct professor in the Civil and Family Justice Clinic.

He received his B.A. from Tufts University and his J.D. from the University of Michigan, where he represented children in abuse, neglect and custody proceedings in the Child Advocacy Law Clinic and was awarded an interdisciplinary fellowship to study child abuse.

Hollander also works as a consultant for Hollywood screenplays and television scripts. His project, *The Guardian*, was a prime-time television drama on CBS for three seasons about child advocacy in Pittsburgh.



Kenneth J. Horoho, Jr., Esquire has a long history as a leader in the area of child custody law and is active in state, local and national bar association activities, in addition to being recognized by his peers for his divorce and family law practice. He is currently serving as the 112th President of the 29,000 member Pennsylvania Bar Association. He has been a member of the PBA House of Delegates since 1990, has chaired the PBA Planning Committee and served as PBA Zone 12 (Allegheny County) governor on the PBA Board of Governors. He was chair of the PBA Young Lawyers Division in 1991 and a vice-chair of the PBA Children's Rights Committee, and the PBA Membership Development Committee. He served for six years on the Executive Council of the PBA Family Law Section, and chaired the PBA Task Force on Quality of Life/Balance. Mr. Horoho also served for twelve years on the Allegheny County Bar Association's Board of Governors and was chairperson of its Family Law and Young Lawyer Sections. He served in the ABA House of Delegates in 1991 and 1992, and was a member of the executive counsel of the American Bar Association Young Lawyer Division, and vice-chairperson of the ABA/YLD Children and the Law Committee.

He is an active member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Family Law Section and a frequent lecturer for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute on the topics of divorce, support, equitable distribution and custody. Mr. Horoho assisted in developing an education videotape "Children First: Custody, the Courts and Your Family" that explains the custody process for families experiencing a divorce.

In addition, in January 2005 Mr. Horoho was named as an adjunct professor on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He teaches a course on advanced family law trial advocacy.

A former member of the board of directors of Pennsylvania Special Olympics, he has been on the board of directors of the downtown YMCA since 1982, and served as its president from 1987-1989. He has also been chairman of the YMCA Scholar Athlete Banquet since 1986. He is a graduate of St. Francis University and the Duquesne University School of Law, where he was a staff member of Juris Magazine and served on the Appellate Moot Court Board. He also served on the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association Board of Directors in 1990 and 1991, and has been admitted to the U.S. Tax Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.



Mark King, Ph.D. is an associate professor with tenure in the Department of Applied Developmental Psychology, School of Education, University of Pittsburgh. He is also a partner in Allegheny Forensic Associates which does all of the psychological work for Family Division Court of Allegheny County. He has done custody evacuations in five states and numerous counties in Pennsylvania. Dr. King is an active original member of the Outreach to Children Committee of the PBA and is a frequent expert witness in a variety of cases involving children and families. Dr. King has authored 5 books, 3 of which have been translated into Italian and Russian



Jonathan Kozol, Author - In the passion of the civil rights campaigns of 1964 and 1965, Jonathan Kozol moved from Harvard's Square into a poor black neighborhood of Boston and became a fourth grade teacher in the Boston Public Schools. He has devoted the subsequent four decades to issues of education and social justice in America.

Death at an Early Age, a description of his first year as a teacher, was published in 1967 and received the 1968 National Book Award in Science, Philosophy, and Religion. Now regarded as a classic by educators, it has sold more than two million copies in the United States and Europe.

Among the other highly honored books that he has written since are Rachel and Her Children, which received the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award in 1989 and the Conscience in Media Award of the American Society of Journalists and Authors, and Savage Inequalities, which won the New England Book Award and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award in 1992.

His 1996 best-seller, Amazing Grace: The Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation, described visits to the South Bronx of New York, the poorest congressional district of America. Praised by scholars such as Robert Coles and Henry Louis Gates, and children's advocates and theologians all over the nation, Amazing Grace received the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award in 1996, an honor previously granted to the works of Langston Hughes and Dr. Martin Luther King.

Nobel Laureate Toni Morrison wrote that Amazing Grace was "good in the old-fashioned sense: beautiful and morally worthy." Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Garrow called Amazing Grace "elegiac, memorable, and haunting." Ellie Wiesel said, "Jonathan's struggle is noble. What he says must be heard. His outcry must shake our nation out of its guilty indifference."

In a front-page review, The Washington Post described the book as "devastating" in its portrayals but "as good as a blessing" in its tribute to the courage of the mothers of the poor. Amazing Grace has since joined Savage Inequalities and Death at an Early Age as

required reading at most universities and is part of the curriculum for future teachers and religious leaders.

Jonathan's next book, Ordinary Resurrections was a more introspective work about the spiritual and moral qualities of children he had come to know in the South Bronx. A favorite among schoolteachers because of its narrative of daily life seen through the eyes of children, the book was described by The Washington Post as "an eloquent love letter to a set of children" whom Jonathan had "grown to know, cherish, and delight in." The New York Times described it as "deeply moving...the most personal of Kozol's efforts." The poet Gwendolyn Brooks praised it as "a magnificent gift to us all."

Looking back on Ordinary Resurrections, Jonathan writes, "I think that I needed to write that book in order to give myself a respite from the fierce political battles that had been provoked by Savage Inequalities and Amazing Grace. I needed to step back from those battles for a time in order to enjoy the daily presence of these children who had come to be my friends over the course of many years."

Now, in The Shame of the Nation, Jonathan returns to the battle with his strongest, most disturbing work to date: a powerful exposé of the conditions he has found in visiting and revisiting nearly 60 public schools in 30 different districts in 11 states throughout the past five years. Virtually everywhere, he finds that inner-city children are more isolated racially than they have been any time since federal courts began dismantling the landmark ruling in Brown v. Board of Education. "They live an apartheid existence and attend apartheid schools. Few of them know white children any longer." The proportion of black children who are now attending integrated public schools, he notes, is at a lower level than in any year since 1968. "No matter how complex the reasons that have brought us to the point at which we stand", he writes, "we have, it seems, been traveling a long way to a place of ultimate surrender that does not look very different from the place where some of us began. If we have agreed to give up on the dream for which so many gave their lives, perhaps at least we ought to have the honesty to say so."

In many of the school that Jonathan has visited, a protomilitary form of teaching has emerged, modeled on stick and carrot methods of behavioral control traditionally used in prisons and targeted exclusively at black and Hispanic children - robotic methods that would be rejected out of hand by schools that serve white children in the mainstream of society. Children in these schools no longer learn out of a normal thirst for learning but out of the fear of punishment and personal humiliation.

Then, too, as high-stakes testing takes on pathological and punitive dimensions in these schools, hundreds of hours of education have been sacrificed to drilling children for exams. Principals tell Jonathan that more than a quarter of the school year is devoted solely to test preparation. Many segregated schools have now abolished recess for their children - in some cases, even "nap time" for their kindergarten children - in order to carve out more time for testing regimens. "Kindergarten isn't like it used to be," one principal reports. Yet, despite the obsessive emphasis on drilling children of color for exams, the achievement gap between white students and the children of the ghetto has

increased during the years in which these practices have been in place while racist isolation has intensified.

New York is now the epicenter of apartheid schooling in America. Only one in seven black students in the state goes to a predominantly white public school, and hundreds of thousands of black and Hispanic students go to schools in which they make up to 95 to 99 percent of the enrollment. “Less than five percentage points,” the author writes, “now mark the difference between legally enforced apartheid in the South during the years before *Brown v. Board of Education* and socially and economically enforced apartheid in these northern neighborhoods today.”

Much of this book, therefore, takes place in Jonathan’s old stomping-grounds in the South Bronx and other sections of New York. But the book casts a wider net to schools and neighborhoods all over the United States. From Seattle to Los Angeles, from Oklahoma to Chicago, from New York and New England to Ohio and Kentucky and to small and segregated suburbs that are now evolving outside of our urban areas, the author introduces us to children who attend schools that are almost guaranteed to bring about their intellectual decapitation for no reason but the accident of birth.

Written with deep respect and empathy for our embattled teachers and filled with the voices of some of the most revered and trusted leaders in the black community. The Shame of the Nation is a triumph of firsthand reporting that pays tribute to those undefeated educators who persist against the odds, but directly challenges the chilling practices now being forced upon our urban systems by the Bush administration. In their place, the passionate narrative offers a human, dramatic challenge to our nation to fulfill at least the promise made some 50 years ago to all our youngest citizens.

Jonathan received a summa cum laude degree in English literature from Harvard in 1958, after which he was awarded a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University. He has been called by The Chicago Sun-Times “today’s most eloquent spokesman for American’s disenfranchised.” But he believes that children speak most eloquently for themselves; and in this book, so full of the vitality and honesty of youth, we hear their testimony.



Tina L. Nixon is a native of Harrisburg and a graduate of East Stroudsburg University, with a B.S. in political science and sociology. She has worked in the human service field for over 15 years, collaborating on issues dealing with hunger, homelessness, the welfare-to-work program, health care, domestic violence, sexual assault and childcare.

Mrs. Nixon joined the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg in 2000 as Director of Resource Development, responsible for a large fundraising budget; raising over \$400,000 in the four years she held the position. She was also responsible for organization of all YW special events; coordinating public relations for the agency; and overseeing all agency marketing and community outreach.

In June 2004, Mrs. Nixon was promoted to the position of CEO of the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg. The YWCA is a major not-for-profit agency in the Capital Region, with an operating budget of over \$4.5 million. The YWCA employs over 120 full and part time staff and offers a wide range of social services to the community, including housing and homelessness programs, domestic violence and sexual assault crisis services and a full child care program.

Mrs. Nixon's community activities include:

- Cathedral Consolidated School Board Member
- Association of Fundraising Professional Member
- Past United Way Day of Caring Committee Member
- Leadership Harrisburg Area graduate 2003
- Leadership Harrisburg Area Board Member
- Dauphin County Health Improvement Partnership
- Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness (CACH) Chair of Education and Public Information Committee
- The Rotary Club of Harrisburg
- Vice Chair-Mid-Atlantic Region
- YWCA Mid-Atlantic Region-Chair of Grassroots and Under 30 Committee
- Member of PA Bar Association Outreach to Children Committee
- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape Vision of Hope Advisory Council

Although Mrs. Nixon's career has allowed her to travel and work around the country, she is happy to be living again in Harrisburg with her husband, James Nixon and their 9-year-old twins.



The Honorable Dennis M. O'Brien, who is a lifetime resident of Philadelphia, has been an advocate since 1976 for the residents of the 169th Legislative District in the city's Far Northeast. On January 2, 2007, he was elected Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Providing disabled children with the resources, education and opportunities they need is a crusade that O'Brien has personally taken on and attacks with a passion. He has been recognized throughout the state for advocating for those with autism spectrum disorders. He is a member on the board of directors for the Center for Autistic Children, serves as chairman of the Autism Caucus and was appointed as honorary chairman of Pennsylvania's Autism Task Force founded by the Honorable Estelle Richman, Secretary of the Department of Public Welfare.

During his 15 terms as a state representative, health care, educational choice, veterans' rights, economic development initiatives, early intervention and maintaining nursing services have been high priorities for Dennis O'Brien. He is also a member of the

Prolife Caucus, Diabetes Caucus, Firefighters and Emergency Services Legislative Caucus and is a charter member of the Irish Caucus.

He was chairman of the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee from 1993 to 1996, chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee from 1997 to 2002, and chairman of the Judiciary Committee from 2003 to 2006.

Since first taking office, he has developed legislation imposing the death penalty for repeat murderers, strong financial and prison penalties for hit-and-run drivers; expanding of the definition of rape; providing for a second death penalty hearing if one is set aside on a technicality; mandating DNA sampling of repeat sexual offenders, convicted felons and those who are convicted of certain misdemeanor sex offenses in order to establish a criminal information database; and requiring tougher sentencing for drug dealers and violent career criminals.

Born in Philadelphia in 1952, he is a graduate of Archbishop Ryan High School and La Salle University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is married to the former Bernadette M. Benson and they have three sons, Dennis Jr., Brendan and Joseph.

He is actively involved in numerous community organizations. He serves on the board of directors of the Maritime Charter School, Self Help, Shalom Inc., CORA Services, and the American Liver Foundation. He is a member of the Torresdale Branch of the American Cancer Society, the Catholic Historical Society, Pennsylvania Economic League Council, Archbishop Ryan High School Alumni Governing Board and an associate member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

O'Brien is also a member of the Regina Coeli Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree; Philadelphia Irish Society; Philadelphia Emerald Society; Autism Awareness and Creating Community Environmental Program Together Advisory Board (AACCEPT); the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Dyson Initiative Advisory Board; Public Safety and Justice Task Force of the Council of State Governments; and Human Services and Welfare and Law and Criminal Justice Committee of the National Conference of State Legislators.

In addition, he is on the Archbishop Ryan High School President's Advisory Board; on the Advisory Board of the University of Pennsylvania Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice and Research; and a member of the governor's Commission on Gun Violence. O'Brien serves as the Republican Leader of the 57th Ward of Philadelphia.



Mark A. Piasio, M.D., M.B.A. is an orthopedic surgeon, serving as president of the Pennsylvania Medical Society for 2006-07. An orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Piasio has served in organized medicine for 16 years.

Through his dedication to the practice of medicine along with his commitment to preserving the sacred patient-doctor relationship, he has held many leadership positions in organized medicine. He is a past president of the Clearfield County Medical Society, past treasurer of the Jefferson County Medical Society, and also a member of the American Medical Association and the Pennsylvania Orthopedic Society.

Dr. Piasio was first elected to the Pennsylvania Medical Society's board of trustees in 1999 to represent Members from the Society's Ninth District. He was elected vice president in 2004, moving up to president-elect in October 2005. However, with the untimely death of Dr. Lila Kroser, the Society's 156th president, Dr. Piasio found himself officially becoming the 157th Society president in November 2005. In recent years, Dr. Piasio has been a member of the Pennsylvania Medical Society's Finance Committee, Committee on Strategic Planning, and the Electronic Board Agenda Task Force, to name a few.

Dr. Piasio believes the future of the Society depends heavily upon developing working relationships with stakeholders and leading a collaborative dialogue. He says the Society must look deep to its moral compass and revisit the principles of altruism, social justice, compassion, integrity, duty, and respect. These will guide us in our approach to the uninsured, quality and value in medical services, and educational opportunity. Dr. Piasio believes that, if the Society maintains its optimism and professional pride, and derives its purpose from good work and moral ways, it will better deal with the frustration of medical liability and insurance compensation.

"We still hold the public trust and respect, which we must cultivate and continually earn," Dr. Piasio says. "From this trust we have authority in our communities and state houses, a power to be used wisely and with beneficence. As president, I promise to help lead the Society on the right path to future success."

Outside the Pennsylvania Medical Society, Dr. Piasio practices orthopedic surgery at DuBois Regional Medical Center. At DuBois, he has served on several committees including the quality management committee, the operating room efficiency steering committee, and medical executive committee. He is currently the chief of surgery at DuBois Regional. While at Clearfield Hospital, he served on the executive committee and was chair of quality management.

When not busy with medicine, or his duties as president, Dr. Piasio spends his time golfing, motorcycling, making wine, and providing medical coverage at national fencing tournaments.

Dr. Piasio holds several academic degrees including a bachelor's degree in natural science from The Johns Hopkins University, a master's degree in physiology from Georgetown University, and a master's of business administration degree from Alvernia College. His medical degree is from Georgetown University. In addition, he completed his residency at Tufts University and his fellowship at New England Baptist Hospital. Currently, he and his wife, Paula, and son, Jack, reside in DuBois, Pa.



Mary Coyne Pugh, Esquire received her Bachelor's Degree from Rosemont College, graduating summa cum laude. Mary received the Genevieve Blatt Award and Esther Sylvester Law School scholarship to Villanova Law School where she served as a member of the Law Review from 1985-1986. Prior to receiving her Juris Doctorate from Villanova University School of Law in 1986, Mary served as an intern for the Environmental Protection Agency as well as a law clerk for the Honorable J. William Ditter, Jr. of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

As a trial attorney, Ms. Pugh has concentrated her legal practice in the area of medical malpractice, working solely in the defense of physicians and hospitals. She has represented defendants in Montgomery, Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Bucks, Lehigh and Northampton Counties and has been involved in all areas of representation, from pre-trial through post-trial. For the past six years, Ms. Pugh has focused on appellate law; researching cases, brief writing and arguing cases in all of the courts of Pennsylvania. Additionally, she has co-authored two articles for the Pennsylvania Defense Institute outlining the significant developments in professional negligence standards and cases.

Ms. Pugh has been an active member of the Montgomery Bar Association since 1989. She served as a member of the Membership Committee recruiting, interviewing and welcoming new members to the Bar. In 2005, Ms. Pugh became a child advocate for Montgomery Child Advocacy Project, MCAP. Ms. Pugh enthusiastically represents children who need a voice to protect them and help them cope with abuse and neglect. In 2006, Mary became Administrative Director for MCAP running the day to day operations including public relations, financing, marketing, outreach and project management.

Mary has been an active volunteer in many child-related activities. She founded both the Reading Olympics chapter for Saint Genevieve School and the CYO field hockey team for Saint Genevieve. She continues to coach both the Reading Olympic and the field hockey teams. She has served on the School Advisory Board, Finance Council, the Strategic Planning Committee and the Planning Committee for St. Genevieve. She serves as a member of the Saint Genevieve Parish Finance Council. She is a member of the President's Council for Mount Saint Joseph Academy. In 2006, Ms. Pugh received the Pennsylvania Bar Association Everyday Leader Award for her dedication to MCAP and abused and neglected children.

Mary has been married to William H. Pugh, Esquire for 19 years and they have four lovely daughters; Allison, Megan, Katie and Lauren.



Secretary of Public Welfare Estelle B. Richman's career spans more than 30 years of public service, including her most recent position as Managing Director for the City of Philadelphia.

Prior to her appointment as Managing Director, Ms. Richman served as Director of Social Services for the City of Philadelphia.

Other positions she has held include the City of Philadelphia's Commissioner of Public Health and Deputy Commissioner for Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; and Assistant Director with the Positive Education Program (PEP) in Cleveland, Ohio, a day treatment program for children with behavior problems.

A nationally recognized expert on issues of behavioral health and children's services, Ms. Richman has been honored for advocacy efforts by the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the American Psychiatric Association and the American Medical Association, among others.

She holds a master's degree from Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio.

She is the mother of two children and enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren.



Judith A. Silver, Ph.D. is a pediatric psychologist at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where she directs the *Starting Young Program*, and a Clinical Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology in Pediatrics, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, where she is the associate director of the *Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Program*. Dr. Silver has over 30 years of experience in the evaluation of high-risk infants and children with developmental disabilities and chronic medical conditions. She founded the *Starting Young Program* in 1993 when she determined that young children in foster care were not receiving their entitlements for early intervention and health care services. The *Starting Young Program* is an interdisciplinary pediatric developmental diagnostic and referral service for babies involved with the child welfare system. Dr. Silver is Co-Director of *Safe Place: The Center for Child Protection and Health* at Children's Hospital, which integrates pediatric child abuse and foster care initiatives at the hospital in clinical care, assessment, education, advocacy, and research, and co-chairs the *Committee on the Health Care Needs of Children in Substitute Care*, a community task force.

Dr. Silver is the director of the *Child Welfare Early Childhood Initiative*,¹ funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau, which provides intensive educational programs for decision-makers who oversee court-involved infants and young children. She has served on national advisory panels related to young

children in foster care, including the National Advisory Committee on the *Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) Standards of Excellence for Health Care Services for Children in Out-of-Home Care*. She served as the chair of the committee on the mental health assessment of children birth to 5 of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry/CWLA's Foster Care Mental Health initiative, and in 2006 she completed a fellowship in the Leadership Development Initiative by Zero to Three: National Association of Infants, Toddlers and Families. Dr. Silver is the senior volume editor of Young Children and Foster Care: A Guide for Professionals, published in 1999 by Brookes Publishing Co.



Steven V. Turner, Esquire – Steve Turner was appointed Chief Counsel of the Office of Inspector General in January 2004. Previously he was appointed Deputy General Counsel in January 2000 and was reappointed to that post in 2003. He served as the General Counsel's liaison with the Chief Counsel to the Insurance Department and the Departments of Revenue and State. In addition, Steve served as counsel to the Public Employee Retirement Commission. He also served as the General Counsel's representative to the Board of Finance and Revenue. From June 1999 to January 2000, Steve served as Chief Counsel to the Department of State. Prior to that, he was

a prosecuting attorney for the Department's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, where he prosecuted professional misconduct cases. Steve also served as a Senior Deputy Inspector General for the Office of Inspector General. Before joining the Commonwealth, he served as a Special Assistant in the United States Attorney's Office in Pittsburgh. Steve received his bachelor of arts from the University of Redlands in Redlands, California, in 1979 and his juris doctor from Temple University School of Law in 1984.

Steve has volunteered in programs serving children, both in the Philadelphia area and also in Harrisburg. He volunteered at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for many years, primarily working with children and families in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. He received the 1992 Philadelphia Bar Association Craig M. Perry Community Service award for his volunteer work performed at CHOP. Steve was featured on the cover of the spring 1996 issue of Philadelphia Lawyer magazine and in a corresponding article entitled "The New Face of Pro Bono- Enhancing the Lawyers Image." Since moving to Harrisburg, he has volunteered at the Hershey Medical Center Children's Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and also the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. He is a domestic violence advocate, trainer and pro bono PFA attorney for the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg's Domestic Violence Legal Clinic, a co-founder of YWCA's Men Against Domestic Violence Program and a member of the Dauphin County Domestic Violence Task Force. Steve has received the 1997 PBA Young Lawyers Division

Michael K. Smith Excellence in Service Award and the PBA Government Lawyer of the Year Award in 2006.

Cheryl Young, Esquire is a Partner the Family Law Practice Group of Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP. She concentrates her practice in matrimonial law, which includes divorce, custody, support, property distribution and abuse



actions.

Ms. Young is the author of "Ralston Purina Co-V Encore Frozen Foods, Inc.: Token Use Taken to the Limit?" and "Avoiding Malpractice Traps in Divorce Cases."

Ms. Young received her B.A. from Michigan State University in 1982 and her J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law in 1985.

Ms. Young is a member of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and sits on the Board of Examiners for the Pennsylvania chapter of that group. She is the past President of the Montgomery Bar Association. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates and Chair of the CLE Committee for the Association's Family Law Section. She is a past chair of the Montgomery County Young Lawyers Section and a past chair of the Montgomery County Family Law Section (1994-1995). Ms. Young was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1985.

Ms. Young is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Ambler YMCA and also served as President of the Victims Service Center and a member of the Children and Youth Multidisciplinary Team.



The Honorable Gerald L. Zahorchak was nominated by Governor Edward G. Rendell to serve as Secretary of Education on October 5, 2005 and confirmed by the Senate of Pennsylvania on February 7, 2006. Prior to nomination, Dr. Zahorchak was appointed as Acting Secretary of Education on September 6, 2005.

Through the course of his career, Dr. Zahorchak has exemplified dynamic leadership at every level.

Prior to his nomination, Dr. Zahorchak served as Deputy Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education where he was responsible for the education of more than 1.8 million school children in the Commonwealth. As Deputy Secretary, he worked diligently on the development and implementation of support systems for public schools that are working to meet the high demands set by Pennsylvania and No Child Left Behind targets.

Last year, Dr. Zahorchak oversaw an unprecedented expenditure of educational state funding that included \$200 million in Accountability Block Grants that were used for tutoring, math and literacy coaching, the expansion of full-day kindergarten and the creation of pre-kindergarten classes. He has led the development of Pennsylvania's Inspired Leadership initiative to develop and support the state's educational leaders.

In addition, Dr. Zahorchak continues to work with Governor Rendell and remains front and center to promote Act 1, the Governor's plan to provide much-needed property tax relief to homeowners throughout Pennsylvania.

As the former Superintendent of the Greater Johnstown School District, Dr. Zahorchak implemented full-day kindergarten, pre-kindergarten, high school reform, tutoring programs and hired reading and math coaches to boost student learning. His leadership and passion for helping students excel academically helped raise student achievement levels and led all schools to meet Adequate Yearly Progress during his tenure. Data from his last two years as Superintendent analyzed by Standard and Poor's listed Johnstown as one of the 47 outperforming school districts in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Zahorchak has worked with students at virtually every level of education as a superintendent, principal, teacher and football coach. As a devoted member of the Johnstown community, Dr. Zahorchak served as president of the Johnstown Rotary in 2003. He also served as an elected official as a member of the school board of the Greater Johnstown School District and of the Johnstown City Council. In addition, Dr. Zahorchak also served as Deputy Mayor of Johnstown.

Over his distinguished career as an educator and public servant, Dr. Zahorchak has received numerous awards and recognitions. In 2005, he was honored with the Pennsylvania Association of Federal Programs Distinguished Educator Award and the Pennsylvania League of Urban School Leadership Award in 2004. In 2002, he received the Distinguished Alumnus in Education President's Award from St. Francis University. Dr. Zahorchak was also awarded the Penn State School Study Council's Caldwell Award for Excellence in Administration and Supervision.

On October 25, 2005, Dr. Zahorchak received the Educational Excellence Award from the PA Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals. He remains a national educational leader and was the principal speaker during the Council of Chief State School Officials School Improvement Conference in 2005. He has directed Pennsylvania's leading role with the Council's Center for Data Driven Reform in Education initiative. Dr. Zahorchak has also played a prominent role in the Mid Atlantic States Laboratory for Student Success that leads the way for inspired leadership in six states.

Dr. Zahorchak was also named Pennsylvania's Outstanding Young Citizen by the Pennsylvania Jaycees twice within a five-year span (1996 and 1991) and as a recipient of the Pennsylvania Outstanding Research and Publication Award in 1996 by the PA Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Dr. Zahorchak received his doctorate from The Pennsylvania State University, holds a master's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree from St. Francis University.



Stephen A. Zappala Jr., Esquire is in his tenth year as Allegheny County District Attorney having taken office in January 1998. The office oversees the administration of justice in a jurisdiction of approximately 1.3 million persons. As the top law enforcement official in Allegheny County, Mr. Zappala is responsible for referrals from more than 119 municipal police departments and directs the prosecution of nearly 20,000

indictments annually. As the District Attorney, Mr. Zappala serves as Chief Executive Officer for a staff of approximately 230 individuals including 100 lawyers. In addition, Mr. Zappala oversees the operation of the Allegheny County Investigative Grand Jury. Mr. Zappala has his B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh (1979) and earned his J.D. at Duquesne University School of Law in 1984.

Zappala established the first dedicated unit in the District Attorney's Office to handle domestic violence prosecutions. The unit permits prosecutors to focus solely on domestic violence cases and enables the office to better prepare and protect domestic violence victims and their families. The unit also facilitates a direct line of communication between the District Attorney's Office and victim services organizations throughout Allegheny County. Zappala also established the first dedicated Child Abuse Unit in the District Attorney's Office. The members of this unit focus on prosecuting to the full extent of the law, those who seek to mentally and physically mistreat and injure children. The creation of this unit also led to an ongoing partnership with Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. The partnership is involved in researching child abuse and in developing better methods to catalog and preserve the evidence involved in child abuse cases including the use of animation mannequins designed to simulate and demonstrate how injuries occur.

The District Attorney increased the use of the District Attorney Drug Forfeiture by being more aggressive in returning confiscated drug money and other assets to the community. More than 1.5 million dollars has been returned to more than 100 police departments, crime prevention organizations, school districts and other law enforcement related agencies. Zappala serves as a founding member of the "Adopt-A-School" program. The program is a partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Attorney's Office aimed at guiding young people in the choices they need to make to ensure a safe, secure and positive future.

Zappala formed the District Attorney Youth Sponsorship (D.A.Y.S.) program in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies so that young people can see firsthand, the criminal justice system at work and the rewarding career opportunities that exist in law enforcement.

OUTREACH TO CHILDREN SUMMIT

CHILDREN & FAMILIES IN THE SYSTEM: Protect, Educate, Motivate

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Thursday, May 24, 2007
Harrisburg Hilton and Towers

This program has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for 4.5 hours of substantive law, practice and procedure CLE credit. Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network is the CLE provider.

The focus of the Children's Summit is an interdisciplinary look at how we can better serve the whole child and his or her family as they touch the justice system. The summit serves as the PBA's Sixth Annual Pro Bono Conference and looks at how various communities – justice, health, business and education, to name a few – can work together to make the experience more positive for children and their families.

Agenda

- 8:15 a.m. **Continental Breakfast and Registration - *Second Floor Foyer***
- 9:30 a.m. **Welcome and Overview of the Summit - *Carlisle Ballroom***
Speakers:
Kenneth J. Horoho, Jr., President, Pennsylvania Bar Association
Steve Turner, Co-Chair, PBA Outreach to Children Initiative Committee
Cheryl Young, Co-Chair, PBA Outreach to Children Initiative
Committee
Honorable Max Baer, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- 9:40 a.m. **Introduction of Jonathan Kozol**
Frank Cervone, Executive Director, Support Center for Child Advocates
and moderator for opening session
- 9:45 a.m. **Overview Address**
"The Impact of Poverty on Children and Families"
Jonathan Kozol
(.5 hour substantive CLE)

10:30 a.m. **Response Panel**

Each panelist will be asked to respond to the Kozol address and to offer ideas of what can be done to improve the justice system.

Panelists:

Honorable Max Baer, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Honorable Stephen A. Zappala, Jr., District Attorney, Allegheny County

Honorable Estelle Richman, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

Honorable Gerald Zahorchak, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Dr. Mark King, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, School of Education

Steven M. Altschuler, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Mark A. Piasio, M.D., President, Pennsylvania Medical Society
(45 minutes substantive CLE)

11:15 a.m. **Small Group Response**

Small groups will be asked to generate their own ideas about how to improve the system for children and families in facilitated discussions at each table. Ideas will be shared in a brainstorming exercise led by table group facilitators.

The posted ideas will be consolidated to facilitate the group voting that will take place. Participants will vote for the three ideas they believe to be the best among those presented. There will be time before the final afternoon session for participants to make their selections on the best ideas. All of the ideas and the support for each idea will be posted on the PBA Web site following the Summit.

Table Discussion Facilitators:

Ellen Kramer Adler, Director, Legal Department,
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Lorrie Albert, Pro Bono Coordinator, Allegheny County Bar Association

Sandy Ballard, Pro Bono Coordinator, Dauphin County Bar Association

Craig Bluestein, Chair, PBA Children's Rights Committee

Chanel Broadus, PBA & PLAN Intern

Robert Catina, Trainer, Law, Education and PEACE for Kids

Honorable Kim Berkeley Clark, Administrative Judge, Family Court Division, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas

Honorable Kevin Dougherty, Administrative Judge, Family Court Division, Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas

Liz Fritsch, Co-Chair, PBA Legal Services to the Public Committee

Katherine J. Gomez, Managing Attorney, CLS Family Advocacy Unit

Roosevelt Hairston, Counsel, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Honorable Chester T. Harhut, President Judge, Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas

Honorable Kathryn Hens-Greco, Judge, Allegheny County Court of
Common Pleas

Honorable William J. Higgins, Jr., District Attorney, Bedford County
Dr. Rich Ievoli, Ph.D., President, Pennsylvania Psychological
Association

Andrea H. Jelin, Executive Director, Office of Children and
Families in the Courts, Administrative Office of

Pennsylvania Courts

Sam Knapp, Ed.D., Director of Professional Affairs, Pennsylvania
Psychological Association

Honorable Thomas S. Ling, Judge, Bedford County Court of Common
Pleas

Kathryn A. Meloni, Law Offices of Kathryn Meloni

Tina L. Nixon, Chief Executive Officer, YWCA of Greater Harrisburg

Fran O'Rourke, Deputy Executive Director, Pennsylvania Bar
Association

Barbara E. Ransom, Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia

Judy Shopp, Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Cynthia Stoltz, Allegheny County Children's Court

Andrew F. Susko, President-Elect, Pennsylvania Bar Association

Steve Turner, Co-Chair, PBA Outreach to Children Initiative Committee

Cheryl Young, Co-Chair, PBA Outreach to Children Initiative
Committee

(45 minutes substantive CLE)

Noon

Joint Lunch with PLAN Conference

Remarks:

Kenneth J. Horoho Jr., President, Pennsylvania Bar Association

Samuel W. Milkes, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network

Honorable Dennis M. O'Brien, Speaker, Pennsylvania House of
Representatives (invited to speak)

1:15 p.m.

Afternoon Session: Five Ideas that You Can Take Home

This session features a panel of five Pennsylvania programs that have improved access to justice for children and families. There will be an opportunity for a short question-and-answer period following each presentation and a final question-and-answer period at the end of the session.

Moderator:

Cheryl Young, Co-Chair, PBA Outreach to Children Initiative
Committee

Panelists:

Tina L. Nixon, Chief Executive Officer, YWCA of Greater Harrisburg

Wendy Demchick-Alloy, Montgomery County Advocates Program

Mary Pugh, Montgomery County Advocates Program

Scott Hollander, Executive Director, KidsVoice Program, Pittsburgh,

Judith A. Silver, Ph.D., Psychologist, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Honorable William J. Higgins, Jr., District Attorney, Bedford County

(1.5 hours substantive CLE)

2:45 p.m. **Break/Time to Vote on Best Ideas**

3:00 p.m. **Final Session: What Happens Next?**

A final session will be held to review the ideas generated during the conference to improve the justice system for children and families. Postcards will be distributed to each participant, and each participant will be asked to write down an answer to the question: “What am I going to do next to improve the system for children and families?” The postcards will be collected and posted on the PBA Summit Web site, and the messages on the postcards will be e-mailed later to the participants as a reminder of what each person promised to do.

Moderator:

Ann Begler, Chair, PBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
(1 hour substantive CLE)

4:00 p.m. **Pro Bono Awards Recognition Ceremony**

The 2007 PBA Pro Bono Award winners will be recognized at this time in a closing celebration of both the Summit event and the good work of the recognized awardees.

Presenters:

Kenneth J. Horoho, Jr., President, Pennsylvania Bar Association
Elizabeth Wood Fritsch, Co-Chair, PBA Legal Services to the Public
Committee

4:15 p.m. **Pro Bono Awards Reception and Summit Celebration**

The 2007 PBA Pro Bono Award winners and the participants in the Children’s Summit will close the day with this reception.

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