The Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee has chosen to present its Sir Francis Bacon Dispute Resolution Award posthumously to former ADR Committee Chair Mark A. Welge. He was not just a beloved member and leader of the committee, he was an individual who strove to open the avenues of mediation to people who were in the adversarial court system.

The award, now in its fourth year, is given to honor excellence in alternative dispute resolution. Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626) was a Renaissance writer who served British monarchs in a legal capacity as knight, attorney general and solicitor. He is regarded as an author and philosopher. Sir Francis Bacon is the author of the essay “Of Negotiating,” the opening line of which is frequently quoted: “It is generally better to deal by speech than by letter, and by the mediation of a third than by a man’s self.”

The Federal Practice Committee is sponsoring a CLE program at the PBA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia with the Bar Association of the Third Federal Circuit. Titled “Representing Witnesses in Federal Grand Jury Proceedings,” the course will be held June 21 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The presenters for this program are Peter D. Goldberg of Ardmore and William F. Ward of Philadelphia.

The 2007 Civil Litigation Section Annual Retreat was held April 20-22 in Washington, D.C., at the Marriott at Metro Center. Those attending earned up to eight hours of substantive and ethics CLE credits as they learned how to handle difficult witnesses and work with experts and obtained other skills for use in daily practice. On Sunday, April 22, a program titled “Will Mary Surrat Hang?” was presented. Mary Surrat was convicted in a military court for conspiracy in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and ultimately hanged. The arguments, made by those in period costume, centered on whether or not she had received due process and if her case should have been heard in a civil court. A panel of judges listened to the arguments made by defense and prosecution attorneys before returning its split decision that the conviction should be upheld.

Friday and Saturday night were devoted to relaxation, with guests treated on Friday evening to the humorous antics of the group Gross National Product. Saturday evening featured dinner at Zola’s (with an appearance by “James Bond”) followed by a private tour of the International Spy Museum.

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WHAT’S GOING ON?

Pursuant to Article XII, Section 1282, of the Bylaws of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, below find the notices and proposed amendments to be submitted to the House of Delegates at its June 22 meeting.

Two Proposed PBA Bylaws Amendments Recommended

Changes Suggested for Meeting Timing, Future Dues Increases

Section 914. Nominating Committee.

(a) The General Officers of the Association shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee consisting of the following members: (1) the Zone Governors; the Unit County Governor; the Minority Governor; the Woman Governor; the five Living Immediate Past Chair of the Young Lawyers’ Division; (2) a member of the Conference of County Bar Leaders Executive Committee selected by the Executive Committee of the Conference of County Bar Leaders immediately following its annual meeting.

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Join child advocates from around the state as they gather under one roof for the state’s premier training event. The annual spring seminar of the PBA Children’s Rights Committee (CRC), this offers attendees an exciting day of education that includes legislative and case law updates, stark realities in the courtroom as described by family court judges, and memorable presentations made by individuals firmly entrenched in this area of practice. And if education is not enough, you are guaranteed to make professional contacts that will stay with you throughout your career.

Unique to this conference is the honoring of the CRC’s Child Advocate of the Year, an esteemed award presented to a deserving individual who has demonstrated exemplary service in advancing the rights of children. It is an emotionally-charged event that you won’t want to miss.

Lucy Johnston-Walsh
Named Child Advocate of the Year

Possessing a rare combination of intellect, interpersonal skills and passion for public service, Lucy Johnston-Walsh, a former Chair of the PBA Children’s Rights Committee (CRC), has devoted her work life to protecting abused and neglected children. Before law school, she started her advocacy for children as a social worker in the public school system in Virginia. As an attorney, she has advocated for children through her public policy efforts at the Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children, through her direct representation of children and families at Community Justice Project, and now in teaching law students how to represent clients in family law matters. A Clinical Professor at the Penn State Dickinson School of Law, she has turned her passion for protecting children’s rights into one of the law school’s newest clinical endeavors, the Children’s Advocacy Clinic, where she directs its operations and supports its mission to serve children and advocate for legislative issues related to children in the welfare system. As a law student, she was actively involved in the development and coordination of the CRC’s First Annual Current Issues for Child Advocates training program eleven years ago. She remains an integral player in both the work of the Committee, as well as in the planning of this conference.

Date & Location
Mechanicsburg • Fri., April 20, 2007
PBI Conference Center
5080 Ritter Road, Rossmoyne Exit, Rt. 15
8:30 am to 4:15 pm: registration begins at 8:00 am

The Day at a Glance
8:30 — 8:35 Welcome and Introduction
8:35 — 9:30 Hot Topics in Juvenile Dependency
9:30 — 10:30 Hot Topics in Juvenile Delinquency
10:30 — 10:45 Break
10:45 — 11:45 Judicial Perspectives
11:45 — 1:00 Luncheon for registrants

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December Rules
Special two hour look at the new rules, which took effect on Feb. 11 Get involved in a discussion about what the rules entail, their implementation, impact, and how rules and procedures are changing.
3:00 — 3:15 Break
3:15 — 4:15 You Be the Judge: Ethics Game Show

An interactive, lively and fun hour of ethics questions and discussion. Play to win—prizes are guaranteed to spark controversial discourse!

Where? Why Attend?
• Who needs wireless? Get up-to-date on changes in the law fast and in-person.
• No more second-guessing your family court judges—hear a panel of judges explain what they are seeing and what moves them in the courtroom.
• Better than a blackberry—convenient and converses with nearly 100 DCY Solicitors, GALS, CASAs, counselors for children and others working in this area.

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Expiration Date__________

Registration Policy:
Pennsylvania attorneys will receive professional production of course materials. Those intending to register after the bar annual deadline must call PBI at 717-783-4757 to confirm that their order has not been scheduled and that the registration remains open.

Ticket Policy:
Time permitting, you will receive a registration packet that will include your registration at the door. A registration confirmation ticket is not required for admittance.

Cancellation Policy:
In order to receive a refund for cancellation (not to exceed de minimus administrative fee), you must notify PBI via mail or FAX at least 2 working days prior to the course presentation date for which you are registered, including the presentation date at the appropriate site. Otherwise, you will receive a course materials for consideration of tuition paid.

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President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and a former Vice-Chair of the Children’s Rights Committee, Kenneth J. Horoho, Jr. has long been involved in family-oriented legal and community organizations, in the field, in the boardroom and in the classroom. A former member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Special Olympics, he currently serves on the board of directors of the Downtown YMCA. He has served on the executive councils of the PBA Family Law Section and the Allegheny County Bar Association Family Law Section. A frequent lecturer on family law topics, he is also an adjunct professor for the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where he teaches a course on Advanced Family Law Trial Advocacy.

If you are ordering course materials separately, please allow two weeks after the first program for the shipment of books and 4 to 6 weeks for shipment of the CDs and book sets.

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