



**11th Annual  
PBA on the Hill Program  
Monday, May 5 and  
Tuesday, May 6, 2008**



## **Pennsylvania Lawyers Taking Their Case to Capitol Hill**

### **Engaging Legislators on Issues of Importance to the Profession:**

- Access to Justice/Civil Legal Services Funding
- Protecting the Practice of the Law/UPL
- Preserving County Legal Journals
- Other Issues of Interest to County Bar Associations and Individual Lawyers

*Earn up to 6.5 Continuing Legal  
Education (CLE) Credits*

# Pennsylvania Lawyers Taking Their Case to Capitol Hill

This is your opportunity to **talk directly with your state legislator** about issues impacting the practice of law and the public's access to justice.

During the 11th Annual PBA on the Hill, you will **learn how to best communicate your thoughts to** legislators on the following:

- The ever-growing funding needs for civil legal services
- The negative impacts of unauthorized practice of the law
- The need for ongoing publication of legal journals by county bar associations
- Issues impacting your county bar association and your practice

After receiving white papers about several key issues, you'll have a dedicated block of time to **meet face-to-face with your state legislators.**

The program also offers important **updates on the right to know/open records legislation** and the **"Civil Gideon" movement** in Pennsylvania. Plus, there is a special session, "Law School for Legislators and Staff," that focuses on **legal services supporting the needs of constituents.**

Attendees have another opportunity to meet face-to-face with legislators during the **Capitol Rotunda reception** ending day one of the program. **PBA Pro Bono Award winners** will be showcased during this special event.

The entire program provides 6.5 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits. Continental breakfast is available both days of the program.

*PBA on the Hill is a joint effort of the PBA Young Lawyers Division, the PBA Legislative Department and the PBA Legal Services to the Public Committee.*



# Schedule of Events — PBA On the Hill

## Monday, May 5

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Hilton Harrisburg

### **Continental Breakfast and Registration**

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Hilton Harrisburg

### **“Key Issues of the Day and How to Talk with Legislators about Them”**

*1.5 substantive CLE credits*

9:45 – 10:15 a.m. State Capitol Rotunda

### **News Conference: Access to Justice – The Need for Civil Legal Services Funding**

10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### **Legislative Office Visits**

Attendees need to schedule visits in advance. The Registration Form includes more information about contacting legislators.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

### **Lunch – On Your Own**

A cafeteria is located on the ground floor of the State Capitol’s East Wing and numerous restaurants are nearby at Strawberry Square and on Second, Third and Forster Streets.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. 8E Senate Hearing Room  
(lower level, State Capitol East Wing)

### **“Grassroots and the Legislative Process”**

*1.0 substantive CLE credit*

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. 8E Senate Hearing Room

### **“The Civil Gideon”**

*1.0 substantive CLE credit*

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. 8E Senate Hearing Room

### **“The New Right to Know Law: You Have the Right to Know More”**

*1.0 substantive CLE credit*

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. State Capitol Rotunda

### **Reception with Pennsylvania Legislators and Showcase of PBA Pro Bono Award Winners**

## Tuesday, May 6

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Honors Suite, Pa. Dept. of  
Education Bldg., 333 Market St.

### **Continental Breakfast and Registration**

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Honors Suite, Pa. Dept. of  
Education Bldg., 333 Market St.

### **“Law School for Legislators and Staff: Services to Help Constituents with Legal Needs”**

*1.0 substantive and 1.0 ethics CLE credit*

## About the CLE Programs — PBA On the Hill

### **“Key Issues of the Day and How to Talk with Legislators about Them”**

*1.5 substantive CLE credits*

Learn how to summarize the key access-to-justice issues and effectively communicate them to legislators.

*Panelists: Sen. Michael O’Pake, Berks County; Rep. Glen Grell, Cumberland County; Rep. Kathy Manderino, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties; Rep. Carl Mantz, Berks and Lehigh counties; Rep. Chelsa Wagner, Allegheny County; Timothy J. Carson, CHH Partners and PBA contract lobbyist; Louis Rulli, University of Pennsylvania Law School; Rhodia Thomas, MidPenn Legal Services*  
*Moderator: William J. Higgins Jr., Bedford County District Attorney*

### **“Grassroots and the Legislative Process”**

*1.0 substantive CLE credits*

Get the scoop on how to build a good working relationship with your legislator and impact the legislative process with proven grassroots lobbying techniques.

*Panelist: Julie Strandlie, Grassroots Operations/Legislative Counsel, American Bar Association*

### **“The Civil Gideon”**

*1.0 substantive CLE credit*

This session highlights information about and issues raised by the “Civil Gideon” movement in Pennsylvania, focused on implementing the right to counsel for the indigent in civil cases.

*Invited panelists: President Judge Richard A. Lewis, Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas; Rhodia Thomas, MidPenn Legal Services*  
*Moderators: Sam Milkes, Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network; David Trevaskis, PBA*

### **“The New Right to Know Law: You Have the Right to Know More”**

*1.0 substantive CLE credit*

On Feb. 14, Governor Rendell signed the new Right to Know Law, the first sweeping and substantial changes in the public’s ability to access government records in more than 50 years. During the crafting of this legislation, many stakeholders weighed in with different perspectives and proposals. Hear from the experts on the differences between the old and new laws and how to get the information you want.

*Speaker: Dennis Whitaker, Assistant Chief Counsel, Pa. Department of Environmental Protection*

### **“Law School for Legislators and Staff: Services to Help Constituents with Legal Needs”**

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**“Constituent Legal Aid, Ethics and Technology: PALawHelp.org and PProbono.net”**

This hands-on workshop demonstrates the use of Web sites to resolve complicated civil legal aid and ethical issues.

A hypothetical case will be used to guide attendees through online content that can support the legal aid needs of constituents.

*Invited panelists: Hank Leone, Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network; Rep. Dwight Evans, Philadelphia; David Trevaskis, PBA*

### **“Older & Wiser: Free Legal Information Sessions for Senior Constituents”**

This session will feature the substantive content of the Older&Wiser® seminars, which are designed to help older adults and their families plan for matters of crucial importance in later life, such as drafting living wills and powers of attorney, dealing effectively with a health-care facility, guarding against fraud and understanding retirement benefits.

*Panelists: Joseph M. Olimpi, Neighborhood Legal Services; David Trevaskis, PBA*





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