

Montgomery Bar Association's Wills for Heroes Program News, May 2010

On May 13, 2010, at the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's Annual Meeting of its Board of Directors and members, the Montgomery Bar Association was awarded a \$500 Art Birdsall Impact Grant. The MBA applied for this grant to help the local Wills for Heroes program purchase computers and printers. The MBA matched this grant and President Lupin presented Lisa Shearman, the local Wills for Heroes coordinator, with a check at the MBA's May Board of Directors meeting.

Wills for Heroes is an innovative nationwide program that provides free legal services to police, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel and their spouses/partners. The program provides Wills, Powers of Attorney and Health Care Directives to Pennsylvania first responders so that their families will be protected in the event of a tragedy. These daylong events are held at local police stations, fire stations and other department locations and are staffed by volunteer attorneys who donate their expertise and time to meet with the dedicated individuals and prepare these vital documents.

Lisa Shearman has recently been asked to serve as the statewide Wills for Heroes Co-Coordinator for Pennsylvania, alongside Daniel McKenna of Ballard Spahr, who is a Wills for Heroes Foundation Board member. Dan initiated the program in Pennsylvania with the sponsorship of the PBA Young Lawyers Division and support from Ballard Spahr.

Information about the Wills for Heroes Foundation can be found on their website at www.willsforheroes.org. If you would like to volunteer at an upcoming event, you can contact Lisa Shearman at las@plotnickellis.com or at 215-576-1730.