Dear PBA Friends:

I’m delighted to share with you details about the largest event of the bar year – our 2021 Annual Meeting.

With health and safety in mind, the PBA will host an all-virtual event, May 19 through May 21. While we will miss our usual opportunities for face-to-face, in-person contacts with our members, friends and colleagues, I encourage you to join me virtually via our computer screens and electronic devices. Through the capabilities of technology, we will see, hear and learn from each other without having to leave our offices or homes. It’s been the PBA’s experience during the past year that our virtual events, whether via various platforms or webinars, have strong attendance and draw new attendees. So, I’m hoping to see lots of new faces on the Zoom screens!

Our three days of meetings and events begins on May 19 with our Commission on Women in the Profession’s Annual Conference, “Center Stage 2021: Women in Law and Politics.” A virtual awards luncheon will include the presentations of the Anne X. Alpern, Lynette Norton and H. Robert Fiebach Promotion of Women in the Law awards. You can earn up to 2 CLE credits by attending the following afternoon sessions, “Ethics and Civility – How Lawyers are Called to Promote Civility in Politics” and “Women in Politics.” The WIP conference will conclude with a networking session to highlight the start of my term as the sixth female PBA president. (Thank you to my fellow WIP members for this special tribute!)

Another CLE option on May 19 is “The 2020 Election: A Pandemic, Mail-in Ballots, Security Concerns and Lawsuits,” which offers 2 substantive CLE credits.

On May 20, hundreds of lawyers involved in PBA committees and sections will gather virtually during our Committee/Section Day. Check the schedule to see if your committee(s) and/or section(s) are meeting. During the lunch hour on May 20, there will be virtual presentations of awards. Please grab your lunch and join us as we recognize your fellow PBA members for their notable achievements.

On May 21, our virtual three-day gathering will conclude with the meeting of the PBA House of Delegates. Our policy-making body will be reviewing and debating resolutions and recommendations developed by our committees and sections.

Also, our charitable affiliate, the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, is forgoing its traditional live auction this year. Instead, it is raising funds to support the James W. Stoudt Memorial Scholarship Fund that provides three scholarships (two of which are specifically designated to support minority law students) for students attending accredited Pennsylvania law schools. The foundation’s objective this year is to raise $15,000. To contribute to this worthy effort, visit the Foundation of Treasures Giving Page.

Finally, a special thank you to USI Affinity and F&M Trust for sponsoring Annual Meeting activities. We greatly appreciate your support.

I look forward to the “seeing” you at the Annual Meeting on May 19, 20 and 21!

Best regards,

Kathleen D. Wilkinson, PBA President-elect
Wednesday, May 19

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  WIP Awards Luncheon
Speakers:
• David E. Schwager, Esq., PBA President
• Kathleen D. Wilkinson, Esq., PBA President-elect
The Commission on Women in the Profession will present the prestigious Anne X. Alpern Award to Dusty Elias Kirk, Esq.; the Lynette Norton Award to Carla Donnelly, Esq; and the H. Robert Fiebach Award for the Promotion of Women in the Law to Manko Gold Katcher & Fox LLP and Griesing Law LLC.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  WIP Ethics & Civility: How Lawyers are Called to Promote Civility in Politics (CLE 301)
Join us for a frank discussion from panel members representing a diverse demographic to explore civility in today’s practice of law and how it has changed over the years. We will talk about the importance of civility and how it affects our relationships with our colleagues and our clients and how a lack of civility can also lead to encounters with the Rules of Professional Conduct. Ultimately, our treatment of each other and the jurists before whom we appear reflects on ourselves as members of the profession, both within the courtroom and in the community-at-large.
Panelists:
• Hon. Cheryl Ann Krause, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
• Hon. Cynthia M. Rufe, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
• Jane Chong, Esq., U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York
Moderator:
• Anne N. John, Esq., PBA Immediate Past President

1.0 Ethics CLE credit

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.   The 2020 Election: A Pandemic, Mail-in Ballots, Security Concerns and Lawsuits (CLE 302)
This two-hour presentation will focus on two historical aspects of the 2020 election. The first hour will consist of the logistics of the 2020 election, the first presidential election that took place during a global pandemic. High-level representatives from the Department of State will discuss
the challenges 2020 presented in the presidential election: an increase in mail-in ballots, mail delays, security and fraud concerns, pandemic concerns, etc. The second hour will focus on the many and different lawsuits prior to, during and after the 2020 balloting, and how the cases were litigated and decided. Hear from high-level representatives from the Office of the Attorney General and Office of General Counsel.

Panelists:
• J. Bart DeLone, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Appellate Division, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General
• Timothy E. Gates, Esq., Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Department of State
• Jonathan M. Marks, Deputy Secretary for Elections and Commissions, Pennsylvania Department of State
• Keli M. Neary, Esq., Executive Deputy Attorney General, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General
• Karen M. Romano, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Litigation Section, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General

Moderator:
• Ana Paulina Gomez, Esq., Department Counsel, Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Office of Chief Counsel

2.0 Substantive CLE credits

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  WIP Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  WIP Women in Politics (CLE 303)
This esteemed panel will explore strategies for more effectively representing clients and, in so doing, transition into leadership positions. Women are making a bigger impact in the political arena and with that influence comes the opportunity to make changes that affect all women. Participants can apply this knowledge in their everyday lives to learn how they can make changes in their own law practice to make them better leaders, mentors and ultimately better attorneys for their clients. Join us for a lively panel discussion on what it takes to become part of the movement for change so that future generations of women can live in a world where everyone’s voice is heard. Panelists will share their stories and lessons they have learned along the way.

Panelists:
• Hon. Joanna E. McClinton, Pa. House Democratic Leader
• Hon. Kim Ward, Pa. Senate Majority Leader
• Heather L. Adams, Esq., District Attorney, Lancaster County

• Valerie A. Arkoosh, M.D., Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

Moderator:
• Hon. Kathy Manderino, Esq., former member, Pennsylvania House of Representatives

1.0 Substantive CLE credit

3:45 p.m.  WIP Networking and Tribute to Incoming PBA President Kathleen D. Wilkinson, Esq.

Thursday, May 20

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Committee/Section Leadership Roundtable

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Committee/Section Meetings
• Aeronautical & Space Law Section
• Business Law Section
• Charitable Organizations Committee
• Criminal Justice Section
• Disability Services Committee
• Editorial Committee
• Education Law Section
• Immigration Law Committee
• Lawyers Assistance Committee
• Legal Services to the Public Committee
• Membership Development Committee
• Pennsylvania Bar Foundation
• Professional Liability Committee
• Public Utility Law Section
• Quality of Life/Balance Committee
• Senior Lawyers Committee

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Committee/Section Meetings
• Appellate Advocacy Committee
• Bar Press Committee
• Civil & Equal Rights Committee
• Civil Litigation Section
• Corrections System Committee
• Cybersecurity & Data Privacy Committee
• Environmental & Energy Law Section
• Government Lawyers Committee
• Health Care Law Committee
• Intellectual Property Law Section
• Judicial Administration Committee
• Labor & Employment Law Section
• Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility Committee
• Municipal Law Section
• Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section
• Statutory Law Committee

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. PBA Awards Luncheon
Presentation of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee’s Sir Francis Bacon ADR Award; the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation’s Louis J. Goffman Award; the Administrative Law Section’s Bowman Award; the Civil & Equal Rights Champion Award; the David M. Rosenblum LGBTQ+ Public Policy Award; the Diversity Award; the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section’s Trailblazer Award; the Business Law Section’s Professor Louis Del Duca Memorial Awards; the Presidents Awards; Special Achievement Awards; and the 2020 ABA Torts Trial and Insurance Practice Section Workers’ Compensation and Employers’ Liability Law Committee Rising Star Award.

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Committee/Section Meetings
• Administrative Law Section
• Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
• Animal Law Committee
• Civility in the Profession Committee
• Collaborative Law Committee
• Elder Law Section
• In-House Counsel Committee
• Insurance Staff Attorney Committee
• LGBTQ+ Rights Committee
• Minority Bar Committee
• Shale Energy Law Committee
• Tax Law Section
• Workers Compensation Law Section

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. PABE Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Young Lawyers Division Business Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Legal Academics Committee Meeting

Friday, May 21

9:00 a.m. House of Delegates Meeting