Pennsylvania Bar Foundation Names 2022-23 Officers and Board Members

HARRISBURG (July 25, 2022) — The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation has named 22 lawyers and judges from across the commonwealth to assume 2022-23 leadership roles as officers, directors and members.

The following members began their positions at the close of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation Annual Meeting on May 13.

**Officers**

**Jeffrey M. Bower**, Bower Law Associates PLLC, State College, is the immediate past president. He is a Life Fellow level supporter and his firm is a Liberty Club Law Firm Fellow supporter of the foundation. He is a member of the PBA Aeronautical and Space Law Section and Solo and Small Firm Section. He is a past Zone 11 governor to the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) House of Delegates and a past member of the PABAR-PAC Board.

**Larry E. Coploff**, Coploff, Ryan & Houser, Lock Haven, has been named treasurer. He is a Keystone Society Fellow level supporter and his firm is a Liberty Club Law Firm Fellow of the foundation. Coploff is a member of the PBA House of Delegates; Business Law Section; Elder Law Section; Municipal Law Section; Real Property, Probate and Trust Section; and Solo and Small Firm Section. He is also a previous PBA Zone 11 governor.

**Michael B. Jones**, McMillen Urick Tocci Jones, Aliquippa, has been named vice president. He is co-chair of the PBA Bylaws and Executive Director Search and Transition committees. Jones is also a member of the Civility in the Profession Committee, Conference of County Bar Leaders, Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Committee, Shale Energy Committee and Municipal Law Section. He is a past Zone 10 governor to the PBA House of Delegates and is past chair of the PBA Covid-19 Task Force.

**Lawrence B. Mansfield**, Law Office of Lawrence Mansfield, Mansfield, has been named president. He is a Keystone Society Fellow level supporter of the foundation and a member of the foundation’s Loan Repayment Assistance Program Advisory Committee. Mansfield is also a past Zone 4 governor to the PBA House of Delegates and is a member of the Board of Governors Alumni Committee.

**Christine Hall McClure**, Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett PC, Erie, has been named secretary. She is a Keystone Society Fellow level supporter of the foundation and previously served as vice president of the foundation. McClure is a member of the PBA House of Delegates, secretary of Pennsylvania Bar Trust & Insurance Fund and member of the PBA Education Law Section, Municipal Law Section and Commission on Women in the Profession.

**Elected Directors**

The following board members are serving the first year of a three-year term.
Judge A. Michael Snyder, Dispute Resolution Institute, Philadelphia, is a Commonwealth Club level supporter of the foundation. He previously served on the PBA House of Delegates and is currently a member of the PBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Civility in the Profession Committee, Civil Litigation Section and Workers’ Compensation Law Section.

Rhodia D. Thomas, MidPenn Legal Services, Harrisburg, is a Life Fellow level supporter of the foundation and member of the Loan Repayment Assistance Program Advisory Committee. She is a member of the PBA House of Delegates and Pennsylvania delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates. Thomas is a member of the PBA Legal Services for Exceptional Children Committee, Minority Attorney Conference Committee, Minority Bar Committee and Commission on Women in the Profession.

The following board members are serving the second year of a three-year term

Sara A. Austin, Austin Law Firm LLC, York, is a Keystone Society Fellow level supporter of the foundation. She is a past president of the PBA and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, a member of the PBA House of Delegates and a past chair of the PBA Solo and Small Firm Section. She is serving as co-chair of the PBA Statewide Electronic Filing Task Force.

Christopher G. Gvozdich, Gvozdich Law Offices, Ebensburg, is a Life Fellow level supporter of the foundation. He is Zone 8 governor to the PBA House of Delegates, member of the PBA Collaborative Law Committee, Charitable Organizations Committee, Lawyers Assistance Committee, Legal Services to the Public Committee and Municipal Law Section. Gvozdich is a past chair of the PBA Quality of Life/Balance Committee and a graduate of the PBA Bar Leadership Institute.

Bernadette M. Hohenadel, Nikolaus & Hohenadel LLP, Lancaster, is a Life Fellow level supporter of the foundation. She is chair of the PBA Editorial Committee and member of the Law-Related Education Committee, Municipal Law Section, Planning Committee, Quality of Life/Balance Committee and Commission on Women in the Profession. Hohenadel is a former president of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and a former member of the PBA House of Delegates and Board of Governors.

Anne N. John, John & John, Uniontown, is a Life Fellow level supporter of the foundation. She is a past PBA president, current co-chair of the PBA Civility in the Profession Committee and Women in the Profession Quality of Life Subcommittee, vice chair of the Senior Lawyers Committee and member of numerous other PBA committees and sections. Previously, she represented Pennsylvania in the American Bar Association House of Delegates.

Jonathan D. Koltash, Governor’s Office of General Counsel, Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange Authority, Harrisburg, is a Young Lawyer Life Fellow level supporter of the foundation. He is chair of the PBA House of Delegates, chair of the Administrative Law Section, co-chair of the Legal Career Transitions Committee, graduate of the PBA Bar Leadership Institute and member of numerous other PBA committees. Koltash is also the current vice president of the Dauphin County Bar Association.

Stephanie F. Latimore, Legislative Reference Bureau of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, is a Life Fellow level supporter of the foundation. She is co-chair of the PBA Bar Leadership Institute, the
Executive Search and Transition Committee and the Commission on Women in the Profession Nominations Subcommittee. Latimore is a past president of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, former Minority Governor on the PBA Board of Governors, past chair of the PBA Minority Bar Committee and member of numerous additional PBA committees.

Brian J. Lindsay, Lindsay & Hatheway, Meadville, is a Life Fellow level supporter of the foundation. He is secretary/treasurer of the PBA Aeronautical and Space Law Council and treasurer of the Solo and Small Firm Section. He is a member of the PBA Planning Committee, the PABAR-PAC and Judicial Evaluation Commission. Lindsay is also a former Zone 7 governor in the PBA House of Delegates.

Wesley R. Payne IV, White and Williams LLP, Philadelphia, is a Life Fellow level supporter of the foundation. He is a member of the PBA Civil and Equal Rights Committee, Large Law Firm Committee and Minority Bar Committee. Payne is a former member of the PBA Board of Governors, former treasurer of the PBA Conference of County Bar Leaders and former chair of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Payne is currently the chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

The following board members are serving the third year of a second three-year term.

Chester C. Corse Jr., Williamson Friedberg & Jones LLC, Pottsville, is a Life Fellow level supporter of the foundation. He is a past chair of the PBA Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee and former scoring judge for the PBA High School Mock Trial Competition. Corse is also a former member of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute (PBI) Planning Committee and frequent lecturer at PBI seminars.

Helen L. Gemmill, McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC, Harrisburg, is a Commonwealth Club Fellow level supporter of the foundation. She is co-vice chair of the PBA Federal Practice Committee and serves on the Executive Council of the Civil Litigation Section. Gemmill previously served as a Zone 3 governor for the PBA House of Delegates, and Woman Governor and Unit County Governor on the PBA Board of Governors.

Designated Directors

The following designated directors are serving one-year terms.

Jay N. Silberblatt, Silberblatt Mermelstein, P.C., Pittsburgh, is a Life Fellow level supporter of the foundation and the current president of the PBA. He is a member of the PBA Bylaws, Finance and Investment committees and is a past chair and member of the PBA Civil Litigation Section. In addition, he is a member of several PBA committees, including the Civility in the Profession Committee, Legal Academics Committee, Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee, Minority Bar Committee and Professional Liability Committee. Silberblatt also is as a member of the PBA Solo and Small Firm Section and the Commission on Women in the Profession.

Paul D. Edger, Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Harrisburg, is a Young Lawyer Life Fellow level supporter of the foundation. He is a voting delegate in the PBA House of Delegates and immediate past chair of the PBA Young Lawyers Division. Edger is a member of the PBA Audit Committee, Finance Committee, Government Lawyers Committee, International and
Comparative Law Committee and its Council, Legal Services to the Public Committee, and Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee. He has been a juror, attorney advisor and presiding judge in the PBA Statewide High School Mock Trial Competition.

**Charles Eppolito III**, White and Williams LLP, Philadelphia, is a Commonwealth Club Fellow level supporter of the foundation and a past president of the PBA. He is a former chair of the PBA House of Delegates, former vice chair of the Judicial Evaluation Committee and former PBA delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates. Eppolito is a member of the Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Committee, Health Care Law Committee, Membership Development Committee, Minority Bar Committee, Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee and the Commission on Women in the Profession.

**Matthew J. Creme**, Nikolaus & Hohenadel LLP, Lancaster, is a Life Fellow level supporter of the foundation and past president of the PBA. He is the current chair of the Retirement Benefits Committee, and he is a member of the Board of Governors Alumni Committee, Executive Director Search and Transition Committee, Municipal Law Section, and the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section.

**Melinda C. Ghilardi**, Munley Law, Scranton, is a co-vice chair of the PBA Federal Practice Committee and past co-vice chair of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Team. She is a member of the PBA House of Delegates, Elder Law Section, Executive Council of the Civil Litigation Section and the Health Care Law Committee. Ghilardi is also a member of the Commission on Women in the Profession and serves on its Annual Conference Committee, Awards Subcommittee, Executive Council and Report Card Subcommittee.

For the full list of Pennsylvania Bar Foundation Board of Directors, visit [https://www.pabar.org/site/Foundation/Who-We-Are/Board](https://www.pabar.org/site/Foundation/Who-We-Are/Board).

The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, the 501(c)(3) charitable affiliate of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, was incorporated in 1984 in response to the organized bar’s desire to become more involved in public service. The foundation works to increase the public’s understanding of the law and its appreciation of democracy and strives to ensure that Pennsylvania’s citizens have full access to the legal system.

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