ON THE HILL

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By Fredrick Cabell Jr.

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In the last “On the Hill” column, former PBA Legislative Counsel Ashley P. Murphy provided a summary of the June budget and indicated she would be leaving the PBA in early August.

We are excited to welcome Anna Malcein King to the PBA as our new legislative counsel. Anna will be attending many PBA events, so please make sure to come and meet her or invite her to visit your local bar association to talk about the PBA’s legislative work.

Born and raised on a small farm in Columbia County, Anna grew up with a love for adventure and the open road that’s taken her to all of the lower 48 states. Having settled in Pennsylvania, she’d now like to visit all 67 counties of the commonwealth.

Anna attended Ithaca College and Bloomsburg University, and received her law degree from the Penn State Dickinson School of Law. Prior to joining PBA’s legislative staff, she worked for the Governor’s Office of General Counsel and, most recently, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. During her 11 years in the House, she served as legislative counsel to three committees and as executive director of one, and she worked on legislation on issues ranging from tax sales to collaborative divorce.

Her knowledge and experience will make her a great asset to the PBA.

Anna currently resides in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, with her husband, two teenage daughters and their springer spaniel. She spends most of her free time camping, hiking and planning their next road trip.

Turning to that legislative work, as I write this column, the PBA Legislative Department is in a race against time! One of the PBA’s big initiatives for this legislative session, which is rapidly drawing to a close, is House Bill 2057, a 262-page bill drafted by the Title 15 subcommittee of the PBA Business Law Section. The bill makes major reforms and updates to the Business Corporation Law. You can imagine the level of effort that went into writing such an important and expansive bill.

Earlier, the Legislative Department was able to overcome some serious obstacles in the House of Representatives, and the bill passed the House unanimously in June. The bill now sits in the Senate Finance Committee. A maximum of nine voting session days remain for the Senate this year. Nine! Getting the bill passed in that extremely small window will not be easy, but we are pushing the pedal to the metal!

In my next column, I will give you a rundown on how the PBA did during the entire 2021-22 legislative session, the results of the election and what we are looking forward to in the 2023-24 session. ☝

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