Don’t gamble on the future of your bar ...

Attend the 42nd Annual CCBL!
Feb. 28-March 1
Nittany Lion Inn
State College

By Terry D. Weiler, Esq.

The theme of the Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) this year says it all. We have again gathered leaders in their fields to tackle hard topics designed to help you manage a healthy bar association with the least possible risk.

Two new topics to be presented this year include:
• Penina Lieber, Esq., Pennsylvania’s legal expert on nonprofit organizations, will address the difference between a 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) filing and why the distinction matters. This one-hour plenary session will be followed by a breakout session reviewing your specific bar association and foundation issues and common legal issues faced in this area.
• Identifying employee theft and embezzlement within your organization, and what to do when you find it. Even if you have been personally reviewing your organization’s records and have had yearly professional audits, find out how fraud can occur and be missed by your staff and audit firm.

Those of us who attend regularly have come to expect and enjoy several favorite presentations: We will again have Bill Hoffmeyer present on the Unauthorized Practice of Law and Ellen Freedman will have a new presentation on law office management. We have revamped the presentation on planning for your year as bar president. It’s shaping up to be a winner.

As the president of the CCBL Executive Committee, I look forward to meeting you all for a fun-filled and educational seminar this year!

Final Call for County Bar Recognition Award Nominations

You should have received a letter requesting your submissions for the PBA County Bar Recognition Awards that will be presented at the CCBL. If you have not responded, please do so immediately. It’s especially easy when you use our online submission form at www.pabar.org/public/localbar/recognitionawards.asp.

This awards program is unique in that it does not place your bar in competition with other county bars for statewide recognition. Instead, it is designed to recognize projects of all county bar associations that in some way contributed to the improvement of the legal profession, the justice system or the community.

Those bar associations whose projects meet the criteria will be presented an award and a news release will be distributed to the media in their counties. The project must have been undertaken during 2007, although it may have begun previously or is to be continued in 2007 and beyond. There is no requirement that it be entirely contained within the calendar year. A bar association may submit more than one project for consideration but no more than three.

Please submit an entry on behalf of your local county bar association so that we may give your efforts appropriate recognition in your community and among your colleagues across the state.
CCBL Schedule of Events and Session Descriptions
February 28-March 1, 2008 — Nittany Lion Inn, State College

Thursday, February 28
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
PABE Meeting

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Legal Service Dinner for PABE
Members and County Bar
Association Presidents

9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Meet & Greet and
Early Bird Registration

Friday, February 29
8:00 a.m.
Registration and PBA Supermarket

8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.
Pick up Tips for Winning the Jackpot
at the 42nd Conference —
CCBL Orientation
Moderators: Terry D. Weiler, Esq.
Michele S. Dawson, Esq.

8:50 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.
Are You Betting That You Know the
Difference?... 501(c)(3) vs. 501(c)(6)
CLE 1.0 hour substantive
How does your bar appear to the IRS?
Are you qualified under sections
501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) and why does it
matter?
Moderator: Alfred Jones Jr., Esq.
Panelist: Penina Lieber, Esq.

THREE BREAKOUT SESSIONS
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
You Hit the Jackpot —
You’re Now President
Attend a nuts and bolts primer on
preparing for, surviving and (most impor-
tantly) enjoying your year as president.
Helpful hands-on tips from experienced
bar executives with varying backgrounds
and bar sizes, as well as first-hand expe-
rience from a former president.
Moderator: Terry D. Weiler, Esq.
Panelists: Wendy C. Hoffman
JoEllen Pastore

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
You Dabble, You Gamble —
Avoidance of Malpractice
CLE 1.5 hours ethics
Members of the PBA Professional Liabil-
ity Committee have again developed a
funny, yet educational, seminar designed
to teach lawyers how to avoid commit-
ting legal malpractice. The issues
reviewed this year involve a potpourri
of the most common areas of malpractice
faced in every practice area.
Moderator: Colleen M. Neary, Esq.
Panelists: Robert I. Johnston, Esq.
James R. Schadel, Esq.
Jay N. Silberblatt, Esq.
Paul Troy, Esq.
Conference members who attend this
session will receive a 5 percent dis-
count on their PBA-endorsed malprac-
tice insurance, plus 1.5 hours of CLE
ethics credit.

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Don’t Gamble That You Are Doing It
Right ... Compliance Problems &
 Pitfalls for 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6)
CLE 1.5 hours substantive
A sequel to the first seminar designed to
specifically address the needs of coun-
ty bar foundation officers, bar associa-
tion executive directors and county bar
financial officers. Learn about the most
frequently committed legal errors in
general and review your specific legal
and practical problem areas with the
experts in a casual workshop format.
Moderator: Alfred Jones Jr., Esq.
Panelists: Penina Lieber, Esq.
Tracy McCurdy, Esq.
Joseph P. Fedeli, CPA

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Kick-Off Luncheon
Presiding: Terry D. Weiler, Esq.
Welcome: Dennis O. Reiter, Esq.
Presentation of Awards:
Introduction of Speaker:
Andrew F. Susko, Esq.

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Break and photographs for County
Bar Recognition Awards

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Don’t Roll Snake Eyes
When Interacting With the Bench
Learn how to build rapport and maintain
a good working relation between your
bar association and the county bench.
Moderator: Thomas V. Casale, Esq.
Panelists: Judge Maggie Worthington
Elizabeth C. Price

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Diversity: A Smart Bet ...
Establishing a Relationship between
County and Minority Bars
CLE 1.0 hour substantive
Learn how developing a relationship
with a minority bar association will
expand your county bar’s marketplace
and increase the participation of racial-
ly and ethnically diverse lawyers in
your association.
Moderators: Samuel T. Cooper III, Esq.
Justice J. Michael Eakin
Sharon R. López, Esq.
Panelists: Maria Gonzalez Calvet, Esq.
Jaqueline DeGarcia
Bedard, Esq.
Prince Thomas, Esq.
Grace P. Manno, Esq.
Scott W. Reid, Esq.

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Hi/Lo and All Cards In Between –
How to Offer Services to Your
Community with Pro Bono and Low
Bono Programs
The PBA has recently adopted several
resolutions and incentives that rein-
force the importance of an accessible
legal system to every person who
needs it, regardless of their financial
situation. This program will provide
information for county bar associations
on how to establish pro bono or low
bono legal assistance programs, as well
as, give examples of existing programs
and provide suggestions to increase
lawyer participation.
Moderator: Michele S. Dawson, Esq.
Panelists: David Trevaskis, Esq.
Andrew F. Susko, Esq.
John McKenna, Esq.

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Up the Ante: Developing Leadership Skills of New and Younger Lawyers
This presentation will explain how joining county and state bar associations can assist young and new attorneys in developing effective leadership skills. Learn how to initiate and maintain a Young Lawyers Division (YLD) in your county. Members of the PBA YLD and various county YLDs will discuss activities their organizations have pursued and how to implement similar programs. This presentation is a must for any new or young lawyer wishing to obtain new program ideas.
Moderator: Hope Guy, Esq.
Panelists: William Higgins, Esq.
Traci Naugle, Esq.
Andrew F. Susko, Esq.

THREE BREAKOUT SESSIONS
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Do You Have a Card Shark in Your Organization?
CLE 1.0 hour substantive
Hear from two experienced and respected local bar association executives about how their organizations were sabotaged by employee embezzlement. Then, get the facts from the financial expert on where the clues to finding evidence of embezzlement lie and what to do when you find them. As a bonus, learn about the auditing requirements for your organization under the IRS code and Sarbanes Oxley.
Moderator: Karolyn V. Blume, Esq.
Panelists: Jessica Engel
David Goss, CPA,CIA,CFE
Barbara I. Kittrell

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Double Down in Your Legislative Efforts
CLE 1.0 hour substantive
The complicated legislative process can be our strongest ally if we address it with the right information and tools at the right time. Learn from legislators how to get the results your members need.
Moderators: Diane Krivoniaik
George A. Verlihay, Esq.
Nevin Mindlin
Rep. Sean M. Ramaley
James Joseph Ross, Esq.
Hon. Stewart J. Greenleaf

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Beer and Bull
Moderator: Terry D. Weiler, Esq.

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Dinner

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Casino Night
Can We Talk? A Unique Opportunity

By Sam Milkes, Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) Executive Director

We are pleased to announce a new attraction to the Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) Meeting in State College. A dinner will be held the evening of Feb. 28 to bring together county bar presidents and chancellors, county bar executives and secretaries, and leaders from the legal services programs, as well as PBA executive staff and officers. The purpose of this not-just-social, by-invitation-only occasion will be to allow close dialogue about successes, challenges and next steps in the provision of civil legal aid and pro bono services across the state. PBA President Andy Susko and I will provide a statewide overview of efforts to improve civil legal aid for the neediest among us, but the main focus of the dinner will be to foster conversations at a county-by-county level. Andy and I hope that the dinner provides such a successful exchange between legal services and the organized bar that this inaugural event, sponsored by PLAN and the PBA Pro Bono Office, becomes an annual part of the CCBL Seminar.

Legal Aid Programs Provide Extensive Services Across the State

Legal aid programs that are part of the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network provide direct client services to over 100,000 eligible clients each year. Every county in the state is served by a local program and six specialized programs target special needs such as healthcare and housing. Considering the size of a typical family, over 300,000 people in Pennsylvania have been served. Nearly 300 full-time legal aid attorneys in Pennsylvania handle this tremendous volume of cases in a highly professional manner, providing much-needed support to those in need. Even though the program is working to capacity, only one in five poor people in Pennsylvania who are in need of attorney representation ever get it.

Pro Bono Services Fill a Major Need In Every County

The pro bono services of private lawyers help ensure access to representation for many of the poor in Pennsylvania who are not able to be served through the Legal Aid Network. Many counties have a pro bono plan, but the best programs involve a partnership of the PBA, PLAN, the local bar and local legal services providers.

The Pennsylvania Bar Association Board of Governors and House of Delegates recently reaffirmed the PBA’s vision of access to justice for all by asking for an increase in legal aid funding and an expansion of legal services to the poor. The PBA has also broadly enunciated its commitment to pro bono services in support of the poor, asking every lawyer annually to either take a new pro bono case or to continue to work on one, provide direct client services in other ways listed in the resolution, or make a financial contribution.

The upcoming dinner will allow leaders of the organized bar, at both the state and local levels, to join with their counterparts in legal aid to set forth next steps as to how Pennsylvania can narrow the gap between need for, and availability of, legal representation.

PBA Solicits Nominations for Pro Bono Awards

PBA President Andrew F. Susko has announced the opening of the nomination period for the Annual Pro Bono Awards of the PBA’s Legal Service to the Public Committee. This is the 21st year that the Committee has sought nominees and these awards have come of age under the leadership of the Committee this past year as the PBA Board of Governors and House of Delegates have passed resolutions endorsing pro bono service and supporting the expansion of funding and services for civil legal aid. The 2008 Pro Bono Awards will be presented at the PBA Annual Pro Bono Conference, which will be held in Harrisburg in connection with the PBA Day on the Hill at the beginning of May. The award winners also will be acknowledged at the PBA Annual Meeting in early June in Hershey.

This is your chance to recognize and thank those attorneys and judges who have used their talents to help the needy in your county. While the obstacles to equal access to justice continue to mount, the willingness of attorneys to help meet the legal needs of the indigent in their communities is important to those in need of service and bestows honor upon our great profession. These nominees provide services that allow the doors of justice to remain open to all citizens.

Additional criteria can be found at www.pabar.org/public/probono/ProBonoAwardPresidentsMemo2008.pdf. The nomination form is located at www.pabar.org/public/probono/probonohome.asp. The form can be completed electronically and you will receive instant confirmation that we have received your nomination. Please contact PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Keller Trevaskis at (800) 932-0311, Ext. 2236, or david.trevaskis@pabar.org with any questions.

The deadline for nominations is April 11, 2008.

2008 PBA Unit County Dues Schedule

November 2007 — First dues billing sent to unit county bar associations.

January 1, 2008 - March 31, 2008 — All unit county dues received within this time-frame qualify for a 6 percent discount.

March 2008 — Follow-up dues billing sent to unit county bar associations.

April 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008 — All unit county dues received within this time-frame qualify for a 10 percent discount.

June 2008 — Third dues billing sent to unit county bar associations.

July 31, 2008 — Any unit county members whose dues are not paid are dropped from PBA membership.
Allegheny

Children’s Book
The Allegheny County Bar Association has published an illustrated children’s book titled That is No Joke! The book, written and edited by two bar association directors, promotes the key messages of the association’s successful “This is a Joke: Making Fun of Others Is Not!” program that bar members present to students in K-5. The book is free to students and schools.

Asian Attorneys Committee
The ACBA has formed an Asian Attorneys Committee.

Judicial Elections Public Education Campaign
Leading up to the Nov. 6 merit retention and judicial elections, the Judicial Merit Selection Committee of the Allegheny County Bar Association conducted a public education campaign. The Committee developed a Web site, newspaper and radio ads, press releases and op-eds to provide voters with information about the judges running for retention and the candidates running for open judicial positions.

Beaver

Habitat for Humanity Workday
The Beaver County Bar Association’s Charitable Giving and Fundraising Committee held a Habitat for Humanity Workday in the fall. Attorneys and judges from the association spent the day helping Habitat for Humanity renovate a house in Beaver Falls. In addition, the Committee made a financial contribution to the organization to help further its efforts in providing homeownership for low-income families in Beaver County.

Pro Bono Award
The Beaver County Bar Association recognized Attorney Joseph Spratt of Bridgewater for his receipt of a Pennsylvania Bar Association 2007 Attorney Pro Bono Award. The award honors lawyers who fulfill the requirements of the profession to provide pro bono service in ways that deserve special recognition. Spratt was nominated for expending numerous hours without compensation to serve the public need. BCBA President James Ross presented Spratt with a special plaque recognizing this service.

Blair

Football Social
Members of the Blair County Bar Association attended a Steeler Monday Night Football party at Atty. Laverne M. Kovacs’ Black and Gold Tavern on Nov. 5. The courthouse was closed on the next day, Election Day, thus giving the attorneys a chance to relax and not worry about court appearances the next day.

Bradford

Memorials
The Bradford County Bar Association sponsored a free showing of To Kill a Mockingbird in memory of county attorney David Keefe and his wife, Carol, who were murdered in 2006. The association also held a memorial for late attorneys Michael DeSisti, John Schmitthenner and Joseph Galletti.

Bucks

Katrina Relief
Members of the Bucks County Bar Association, in partnership with the Bucks-Mont Katrina Relief Project, returned to the Gulf Coast in November for a fourth round of rebuilding and reconstruction. University of Pennsylvania graduate student Connie Hoe, who has been working with the group, commented that the spirit of [Katrina-] affected communities is sustained by continued interest from the outside, “When they see volunteers, they see hope.” Attorney Maureen Gatto has relocated from Bucks County to Mississippi to oversee coordination of volunteer groups.

Chester

Newspaper Supplement
The Chester County Bar Association raised over $14,000 for three Chester County nonprofit organizations by publishing its third annual special supplement entitled “Your Access to Justice” to the Daily Local News. The 24-page supplement raised awareness of the association’s numerous community programs and supported Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania, the Crime Victims’ Center and the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. It also described various programs offered by the association and the Chester County Bar Foundation, and provided insight and updates on various aspects of the local court system. The association also held a “Meet Your Judges” event that included the reenactment of the 1821 case Commonwealth v. John Reed.

Clinton

Public Education Op-Eds
Members of the Clinton County Bar Association have written a series of articles intended to educate the public about legal issues. The most recent one to appear, titled “Child Support Works in Pennsylvania,” detailed the process of obtaining child support, what is included in child support and what sort of legal representation is available.

Cumberland

Legislative Reception
The Cumberland County Bar Association hosted a legislative reception Dec. 14, in Camp Hill to talk about issues including the sales tax bills.

Charity Casino Night
Seventy people attended the CCBA YLD Casino Night, with the proceeds of $1,300 going to Victory Circle, a local charity helping troubled children with their homework, projects and providing educational fun.

Dauphin

Lecture Series
The Seventh Annual Arthur L. & Harry B. Goldberg Lecture Series, sponsored by the Dauphin County Bar Foundation, took place on Oct. 25. The program featured Mark A. Pacella, chief deputy attorney general (Charitable Trusts & Organiz- (Continued on Page 6)
zations); Linda J. Williams, chief deputy attorney general (Bureau of Consumer Protection); Frank G. Fina, chief deputy attorney general (Criminal Prosecutions); and Edward M. Marsico Jr., Dauphin County district attorney. The lecture series, which included two CLE credits at no charge, attracted 140 attendees.

**Minority Attorney Dinner**
The Eighth Annual Joint Dinner Meeting with the Keystone Bar Association (formerly known as the Harrisburg Black Attorneys Association) was held on Nov. 8, and featured Pedro A. Cortes, secretary of the commonwealth. The Hon. Robert N.C. Nix Scholarship Awards were presented to Christopher B. Neal, from the Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law, and Kusha Desai and Michael White II, both of the Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg Campus.

**Memorial Service**
The DCBA Memorial and Outreach Committee coordinated a Memorial Service on Nov. 28 at the Dauphin County Courthouse to honor Thomas P. Brogan, Lawrence R. Wieder and Michael A. Koranda, all of whom had died over the past year. This event provides members an opportunity to demonstrate respect for former colleagues and commitment to one of the finest traditions of the bar association.

**Erie**
Collaboration with Medical Society
The Erie County Bar Association and Erie County Medical Society have formed a joint organization called the Coalition of Attorneys and Physicians in Erie (CAPE). Its goal is to provide education in areas of mutual interest as well as networking opportunities. The first such venture, a seminar, was held on Nov. 1 at the new Erie Bayfront Convention Center, with 120 attorneys and physicians registered. The program dealt with advance directives and provided a panel of three attorneys and three physicians discussing the topic from their professional perspectives.

It was eye-opening for physicians to learn some details of the Act 169, which they did not fully understand, and for attorneys to hear real-life scenarios from physicians who deal with patients, their families and advance directives issues on a daily basis.

**Indiana**
**United Way Fundraiser**
Members of the Indiana County Bar Association were servers for the annual United Way Pancake & Sausage Day fundraiser.

**Lancaster**
**Mortgage Crisis Help**
Members of the Lancaster Bar Association joined with representatives of H&R Block, the state Department of Banking, the state attorney general’s office and others to staff a Help Center for local residents impacted by the national mortgage crisis and the related bankruptcy filings of two local agencies.

**Lebanon**
Speakers Hosted
The Lebanon County Bar Association hosted several speakers over the past few months. PBA President Andrew Susko was the guest speaker at the LCBA’s annual meeting, held at the Lebanon Country Club. Outgoing LCBA President Loreen Burkett introduced Susko, who spoke about the proposed sales tax on legal services. Committee chairs presented year-end reports and seven attorneys were unanimously voted into the association. Superior Court Judge Correale Stevens presented “Appellate Practice Issues” at a LCBA Lunch and Learn. Attorneys were enlightened and entertained with stories and information relating to brief writing, oral arguments and interpretation issues. Members of the association also sponsored a “Meet Your Legislators” event with Rep. Rosemarie Swanger and Rep. Mauree Gingrich, and Joe Sterns, public relations director for Sen. Mike Folmer. The evening did not include a specific agenda, but was meant as a time for socializing with local legislators in a private audience. However, a hot topic of discussion did include the proposed sales tax on legal services.

**Technology Improvements**
Installation of cable and the purchase of equipment is underway for the LCBA to begin hosting its own CLEs as well as simulcasts from the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. Seed money came from a $4,800 grant from the PA Bar Trust Fund and Insurance Fund.

**Community Outreach**
The LCBA now has a Web site (at www.lebanoncountybar.org). The site, was completed gratis, as a resume builder by an area man attending Harrisburg Area Community College’s Lebanon campus. Designed for members and the general public, the site includes the Lawyer Referral Service application and contact information, attorney membership information, notes of local interest and other information pertaining to the association.

The LCBA is also partnering with the national nonprofit career exploration program “Exploring” to expose local students to careers in law. Approximately 10 students have registered for monthly, hands-on activities to discover what lawyers do every day. Ten lawyers have volunteered to lead discussions and activities, which will include a mock trial, field trips and special guest speakers.

**Lower Luzerne**
Superior Court Guest Speaker
Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Correale Stevens was the guest speaker at a monthly meeting of the Lower Luzerne County Bar Association.

**Monroe**
Mock Trial
Teams representing high schools from Monroe County and surrounding areas participated in the annual Mock Trial Invitational on Nov. 17 at Stroudsburg High School. Teams were advised by members of the Monroe County Bar (Continued on Page 7)
Association and judged by MCBA attorneys. The first place team was Wallenpaupack High School, second place was Pocono Mountain East and third place was Valley View High School.

**Holiday Socials**
The MCBA held its annual holiday gathering at Skytop Lodge. On Dec. 15, the MCBA sponsored its annual Children and Youth Services Christmas Party at the Great Wolf Lodge in Scotrun. The party featured a visit from Santa Claus (a.k.a. Magisterial District Judge Michael Muth), gifts for the children and refreshments. The association also sponsored its third annual bus trip to New York City for a day of shopping, tourist activities and a Broadway play for MCBA members, their families and friends.

**Swearing-in Ceremony**
On Dec. 17, the MCBA sponsored a swearing-in ceremony for attorneys who passed the bar and wished to be admitted to the association. Following the ceremony, MCBA members and their families and friends were invited to the bar center for a reception, refreshments and entertainment by the Barbershop Chorus of the Poconos.

**Montgomery**

**Sexual Predator Information Programs**
The Montgomery Bar Association Community Outreach Committee recently completed production of a 45-minute television program and DVD titled “The Process of a Sexual Predator.” The program intends to provide parents and educators with many of the tools needed to protect children from the threat of online sexual predators.

Over 300 copies of the free video will be distributed to area schools, libraries, parent groups and individuals. The program will also be available for viewing on Comcast’s Video-on-Demand service, select cable channels and public access.

In the program (hosted by MBA Women in Law Committee Chair Elizabeth L. Lippy), past and present members of the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office, the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Sexual Assault Task Force provide chilling yet realistic perspectives from the trenches. Viewers will witness a live chat room demonstration and learn about other hotbeds for online predators. The program also uncovers key prosecution and defense strategies, ramifications and common misconceptions about Megan’s Law, how sexual predators get caught and — most importantly — how to protect children from being victimized.

To generate early interest, the MBA announced pre-release availability of the video at the U.S. Attorney’s Eastern District Web Wise Kids training program for middle school teachers and faculty, held recently at Montgomery County Community College. Montgomery County D.A. Risa Vetri Ferman announced the release in her opening remarks.

Funding for the program was provided by the Montgomery County Office of the District Attorney, the Bar Association Community Outreach Committee and Commerce Bank.

**Northampton**

**New Social**
The Northampton County Bar Association began a new event this fall — The Amicus Soiree, held at a new golf resort. This event replaces the more formal Barristers’ Ball that had been held in December.

**People’s Law School Adds New Topics**
The NCBA held their People’s Law School this fall. In addition to the regular programs, two new twists were added this year. The last night of the semester included a program on gambling and casino law. The new casino in Bethlehem will be opening within two years. Since this is a new and hot topic in the Lehigh Valley, the association decided to offer the course, which included a brief history on how gambling began, requirements casinos must follow regarding state laws, and plans for the new casino. The other addition to the class was a fictional scenario of a couple, with children, in the middle of a divorce and involved in a fatal car crash. The scenario brought together how one family can go through the many different types of law and courts with just one unfortunate accident.

**Holiday Ceremony**
The Northampton County Bar Association held a holiday ceremony to celebrate and tour the expanded county courthouse. Speakers included state Superior Court Judge Jack Panella and U.S. Third Circuit Senior Judge Franklin S. Van Antwerpen, both of whom are county residents.

**Westmoreland**

**Operation Safe Surf**
Members of the Young Lawyers Association of the Westmoreland Bar Association presented the Operation Safe Surf Program at the Regional Family YMCA in October. The presentation was one of a four-part program presented by the Young Lawyers Public Service Committee.

**Wilkes-Barre/Luzerne**

**Charitable Golf Tournament**
The Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association/Luzerne County Bar held their annual charitable golf tournament at the Fox Hill Country Club. Money raised was donated to the Luzerne County Bar Association Charitable Foundation Inc., which in turn presented donations to Allied Service of the John Heinz Rehabilitation Center for its autism services program, Habitat for Humanity, St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, Luzerne County Head Start, Victim’s Resource Center, Hoyt Library, Volunteers of America, Meals on Wheels of Hazleton, the Catherine McAuley House, Greater Pittston YMCA, Catholic Social Services and the Wilkes-Barre YMCA.

**York**

**Real Estate Mediation**
Members of the York County Bar Association, in cooperation with the Realtors Association of York and Adams Counties, are participating in a mediation program for buyers, sellers and others involved in real estate transactions. ■
PBA Quality of Life/Balance Committee Offers FREE Ethics CLE

By Carlton Walker, Esq.

We all know there is no such thing as a free lunch. But, thanks to the PBA Quality of Life/Balance Committee, free CLE does exist.

The Quality of Life/Balance Committee (QOL) has several video vignettes that dramatize the difficult situations in which we attorneys sometimes find ourselves. The videos serve as a jumping-off point for audience discussion of the ethical and practical problems presented. This discussion can be moderated by a volunteer member of the QOL, local attorneys and/or judges, or a combination of these.

These presentations vary between one hour and 90 minutes in length and work well as breakfast sessions, Lunch-and-Learns, or after-work gatherings. The videos address different topics from which you may choose, and the presentations have been approved for ethics continuing legal education credit.

Please consider offering this valuable — yet priceless — CLE opportunity to members of your bar. It’s as easy as contacting me at AttorneyWalker@gmail.com or (717) 485-4529. I look forward to hearing from you!

Carlton Walker is a solo practicing in McConnellsburg, Fulton County. She serves as co-vice chair of the PBA Quality of Life/Balance Committee.

Change to Bylaws

The proposed changes to the CCBL bylaws will face a confirmation vote at the Saturday morning CCBL business meeting. If you have not already done so, you can review the changes at www.pabar.org/public/localbar/ProposedBYLAWS2007.pdf
Here is a listing of courses being offered by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. Dates, times and locations are subject to change. Contact PBI's Customer Service Department for more information at (800) 932-4637, (800) 247-4724 or (717) 796-0804 or visit their Web site at www.pbi.org.

Bethlehem

Civil Practice in Eastern Pennsylvania, Tues., Feb. 12, 2008; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 4 CLE credits (substantive)

West Chester - SIMULCAST

Elder Law Update, Thurs., Feb. 14, 2008; 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 3 CLE credits (substantive)

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Easton New Castle
Erie Pittsburgh
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Representing a Buyer or Seller of Residential Property, Tues., Feb. 19, 2008; 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 4 CLE credits (3 substantive/1 ethics*) *Must attend entire program to receive ethics credit

Media

Four County Civil Practice, Wed., Feb. 20, 2008; 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 4 CLE credits (substantive)

Pittsburgh

Trials! Tips, Tactics & Practical Tales, Thurs., Feb. 21, 2008; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics*) *Must attend entire program to receive ethics credit.

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Fri., Feb. 22, 2008; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics*) *Must attend entire program to receive ethics credit.

Scranton

Family Law Practice in Northeastern PA, Fri., Feb. 29, 2008; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics*) *Must attend entire program to receive ethics credits.

Easton - SIMULCAST

Selecting and Influencing Your Jury, Thurs., Mar. 6, 2008; 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; check-in at 9:00 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (substantive)

Bethlehem

Family Law Practice in the Lehigh Valley, Tues., Feb. 19, 2008; 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 4 CLE credits (3 substantive/1 ethics) *Must attend entire program to receive ethics credit

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21st Annual Civil Litigation Update, Wed., Mar. 12, 2008; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics)

King of Prussia

2nd Annual Land Use Institute, Fri., Mar. 14, 2008; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; & Sat., Mar. 15, 2008; 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m. both days; 10 CLE credits (9 substantive/1 ethics)

Lock Haven

Collecting & Enforcing Judgments, Fri., Mar. 14, 2008; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 6 CLE credits (5 substantive/1 ethics)

Emporium

Elder Law Update – VIDEO REPLAY, Wed., Mar. 19, 2008; 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.; 3 CLE credits (substantive)

How to Prepare the Pennsylvania Inheritance Tax Return – VIDEO REPLAY, Thurs., Feb. 28, 2008; 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; check-in at 8:00 a.m.; 4 CLE credits (substantive):

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Chambersburg – Thurs., Mar. 27, 2008
Milford – Fri., Mar. 28, 2008

11th Annual Family Law Update – 2007 – VIDEO REPLAY


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Law Day Marks 50th Anniversary:
Pennsylvania Theme is ‘Growing Strong Citizens’

This year is the 50th anniversary of Law Day, and the theme for Pennsylvania’s ninth annual celebration is “Growing Strong Citizens.” Through this observance, children of all ages will have the opportunity to explore the ways in which they can become active, involved citizens who can make a positive impact on society.

Lawyers and judges again are being encouraged to visit schools and use the PBA’s free law-related lesson plan guide during classroom visits. Because many local bar associations already have plans underway for their annual Law Day festivities, the PBA Law Day program and materials are specifically designed to enhance and supplement those existing efforts. Interested local bar associations can request free lesson plan guides to distribute to members and schools. Information regarding all of the Law Day plans will be mailed to local bar associations shortly.

The PBA Law-Related Education Committee, which coordinates the statewide Law Day observance, is planning a special 50th birthday party for Law Day on May 1, in the state Capitol in Harrisburg. Law Day is an excellent vehicle for county bar associations to reach out to their membership, not only by including them in Law Day activities, but also by helping them to reach out into the community.

The PBA regularly receives inquiries as to why the it does not use the American Bar Association Law Day theme. Several years ago, the PBA LRE Committee decided to adopt Law Day themes that are unique to Pennsylvania. The committee considered using the ABA’s themes when it initiated the statewide Law Day program, but found them to be too focused on one aspect of the law. Many Pennsylvania schools expressed interest in having broader themes to which their students could better relate. In addition, the PBA selects a new theme in the spring of the preceding year so that it can be used throughout the school year — from Celebrate the Constitution through Law Day. The ABA does not release its theme until late summer or early fall.

Call the PBA Law Day toll-free hotline at (877) 329-7621 or visit the PBA Web site at www.pabar.org/public/education/lawday/lawdayinformation.asp for more information or send an e-mail to lawday2008@pabar.org with any questions.

Law Day 2008 “Planning Schedule”

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