The conference promises to accomplish all of that and more! CCBL President Michael P. Pierce, Esq. and his executive committee have an action-packed agenda planned. Included in the seminars will be sessions on leadership; governance; strategic planning; the future of our associations; foundations; diversity and inclusion; advertising and recruiting for new members; social media; how to address the needs of senior members and appeal to young lawyers; strategies for small bar associations; and the live performance of the avoiding legal malpractice seminar.

This year’s conference is built around a baseball theme and draws upon many sports-related lessons that translate well to teambuilding, practice, preparation, a positive mental attitude, good public relations, leadership and other important skills that are needed to grow your association and make it the best it can be! You will have the opportunity to not only earn CLE credit but also to learn how to be the best leader for the benefit of your association. There will be plenty of time for networking with friends and colleagues, new and old. Be sure to bring your sports attire and memorabilia to add to the fun. And, of course, we will have great entertainment for Friday night, when you can relax, connect with old friends, meet new leaders, play games and win some prizes. All bar associations, large or small, can benefit by having their leaders attend this worthwhile conference.

Mark your calendars and look for more details in upcoming publications. Talk to your executive director. Invite some of your board members and young lawyers. Be ready to learn, laugh and look forward to your years in leadership!
PBA Malpractice Avoidance Seminars - Fall 2017 Schedule

Pennsylvania Bar Association Insurance Program
Through the Pennsylvania Bar Association Insurance Program, you can gain valuable malpractice avoidance information and earn up to a 7.5% discount on your malpractice insurance. The Malpractice Avoidance Seminar, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association Insurance Program and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for 1.5 hours of ethics, professionalism, or substance abuse CLE credit. The 7.5% credit will be pro-rated based on the number of attorneys in the firm who attend the seminar. The discount does not apply to part-time policies.

Remaining Seminars This Fall:

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Online prepayment and preregistration are highly recommended.

Programs Managed by County Bar Associations
Admission fees and the length of the program vary and are determined by the county. To register and get more information, please call the corresponding number below.

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Law-related Education Program Resources for Students

The resources below (…and many more in the form of ideas and specific lesson plans) are available at no cost to you or schools to supplement law-related education class visits and civic education lessons.

Pocket-sized U.S. Constitutions

Bill O-Rights, Constitution character stickers

U.S. Constitution Preamble bookmarks

This is a 22” x 28” poster-sized copy of the U.S. Constitution with space for students to sign their names.

This interactive resource is designed for one per classroom and can supplement a variety of lessons on the importance of the Constitution, the need for rules and laws, and citizens’ rights and responsibilities.

The pocket-sized U.S. Constitutions, poster-sized U.S. Constitutions, U.S. Constitution Preamble bookmarks and Constitution character, Bill O-Rights, stickers are all funded through a generous grant from the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation.

To request copies of these items, please call or email the PBA and specify the quantity you need, the date you need them and the address to mail them.

Email: susan.etter@pabar.org
Phone: 800-932.0311 x. 2256
PBA President López Welcomes
Bar Leadership Institute Class of 2017-2018

Pennsylvania Bar Association President Sharon R. López has named 11 Pennsylvania lawyers to the 2017-18 class of the association’s Bar Leadership Institute (BLI).

“Our young attorneys are the bright lights in the bar’s future. The investments that we make in them now are critical for the profession’s growth. I’m so pleased to name these hardworking attorneys to this year’s class and look forward to working with them, as they connect and form relationships with more seasoned members, create a network throughout the commonwealth to share experiences and learn more about the varied paths to leadership within the PBA,” said López.

This year’s BLI co-chairs are Melinda C. Ghilardi, Office of the Federal Public Defender, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Scranton, and Philip H. Yoon, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Both Ghilardi and Yoon have served in a number of PBA leadership roles.

The BLI class was limited in size. To apply, candidates had to demonstrate leadership ability, commit to attendance and participation in the required events, be currently licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, be a PBA member, and be age 38 years or younger or have practiced five years or less.

The BLI was originally developed by Arthur L. Piccone of Kingston in 1995-96 during his year as PBA president to strengthen the PBA’s ongoing efforts to recruit and develop leaders of the association. The first chair of the institute, Gretchen A. Mundorff of Connellsville, re-launched the BLI when she became the 2010-11 president of the PBA.

The 2017-2018 BLI class members include:

**Allegheny County**
Amber Reiner, Picadio Sneath Miller & Norton PC, Pittsburgh

**Beaver County**
Frank Paganie, Beaver County Public Defenders Office/Law Office of John Salopek, Ambridge

**Blair County**
Jon Higgins, Beard Legal Group, Altoona

**Centre County**
Sharon Barney, Leech Tishman Fuscaldo Lampl, State College

**Dauphin County**
Gina Miller, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Harrisburg

**Lackawanna County**
Katie Nealon, Munley Law PC, Scranton

**Lehigh County**
Keri Schantz, Allentown

**Monroe County**
Donald Gual, Monroe County Court of Common Pleas, Stroudsburg

**Montgomery County**
Michael Lyon, Kane Pugh Knoell Troy & Kramer LLP, Norristown

**Philadelphia County**
Jordan Fischer, XPAN Law Group, Philadelphia

PBA President Sharon R. López welcomed the recently selected BLI Class of 2017-18 at the YLD Young Lawyer Summer Summit in State College, July 26-28, 2017. Pictured left to right are Keri Schantz, Jon Higgins, Sharon Barney, Donald Gual, BLI Co-chair Melinda Ghilardi, President López, Frank Paganie, PBA President-elect Charles Eppolito III, Amber Reiner, Jordan Fischer, Katie Nealon, BLI Co-chair Philip H. Yoon, Gina Miller and Michael Lyon.
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Introducing the 2017 Young Lawyers Division New Admittees

We would like to introduce the 2017 YLD New Admittees nominated by county bar associations. County bar presidents and/or executive directors nominated a young lawyer to represent their county at the 2017 PBA Young Lawyer Summer Summit in State College on July 26-28.

The following counties participated: Adams, Allegheny, Beaver, Berks, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Carbon, Centre, Clar-


Pennsylvania Bar Association

Member-to-Member Connection

New! Statewide practice area search service

Use this free service to look for other lawyers in specific areas of practice and geographic locations.

Make sure your areas of practice are up to date:

• Click on Member-to-Member Connection on the gold bar on the PBA homepage.
• Enter your username and password.
• Click on Update My Information under My Dashboard on the left side.
• Scroll down to check your Areas of Practice.

Exclusive to PBA members!
On the Local Scene...

Allegheny

‘Coffee with Coffey’ Series Announced
Hal Coffey took over as the new ACBA president July 1, and among Coffey’s key initiatives is coffee.

The ACBA and Coffey have launched the “Coffee with Coffey” networking series. On the first Wednesday of each month, Coffey and other key ACBA leaders will venture out to a coffee shop in a different Allegheny County community.

Attorneys – ACBA members or otherwise – are invited to stop by to talk about their practices, the legal profession, the bar association and nearly anything else.

The goal is to make the ACBA more of a resource for attorneys who practice in suburban Allegheny County locations, not just those who work in downtown Pittsburgh.

Scholarships Awarded at ‘Creating the Cracker’

The Royal Dutch Shell Ethylene Cracker Plant currently under development outside of Pittsburgh is one of the biggest developments in the recent history of Western Pennsylvania. The project is already stimulating massive economic growth, and that impact is expected to increase in the years ahead.

The project touches many areas of the law, and ACBA members had the chance to learn about some of the legal aspects at the “Creating the Cracker” event in May. Speakers discussed the real estate, governmental and environmental law aspects of the project.

The event was a fundraiser for the ACBA Environment and Energy Law Section Scholarship Fund. Three local law students took home $1,000 scholarships: Hannah Baldwin, Kara Beck and Casey Hogan.

Hannah Baldwin, Kara Beck and Casey Hogan received ACBA Environment and Energy Law Section scholarships.

55th Annual Bench-Bar a Success

The ACBA’s 55th Annual Bench-Bar Conference – held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, June 15-17 – was a rousing success.

Under the direction of Bench-Bar Committee Chair Erica Laughlin and Vice-chair Bryan Neft, this year’s conference blended many of the favorite traditions that have made the event so popular for 55 years with some new additions and fresh twists.

More than 600 attorneys attended throughout the three days. The conference featured a new “Keynote Remix” presentation, a microbrew tasting, sporting events, fine dining, an abundance of CLEs and more.

Beaver

Beaver County Bench Bar

This April the Beaver County Bench and Bar Association headed to Niagara on the Lake, Canada, for a three-day learning and socializing event.

The event drew senior members of the association and young lawyers alike.

The young lawyers hosted a pub night, and the bar sponsored a welcome event, formal dinner and four CLE’s, including the annual judges panel.

Members and the bench socialized by golfing, bicycling, shopping and wine tasting on a day-long trolley tour.

It was a wonderful event for the bench and bar to share ideas, discuss current legal issues, get to know each other better and learn in a beautiful environment.

Wills for Heroes

On May 20, the Beaver County Bar and the Beaver County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division hosted its first Wills for Heroes event.

Volunteers provided numerous estate planning documents to local first responders and their spouses. There was a great showing of support from bar association members, and the event was well received by members of the community.

Passing the Gavel Ceremony

On May 25, during the Beaver County Bar Association’s membership meeting, a ceremonial “passing of the gavel” took place.

Past presidents of the association were invited to attend this luncheon/meeting and participate in this historic event.

Nineteen past presidents from the time period 1977 through 2016 were in attendance. The gavel was passed down the line from each past president to the current outgoing president. The gavel was then officially passed to our incoming 45th president. This was a memorable event for those who attended.

Young Lawyers Division Charity Golf Outing

Sixty-eight golfers participated in the 2017 YLD Charity Golf Outing held on June 14 at the Black Hawk Golf Course.
Proceeds from the event were earmarked to purchase two adaptive bikes through the Variety program. These bikes enable children with disabilities to have the freedom of a bike and to experience the joy of riding along with friends and family.

Blair
The Blair County Bar Association gathered for a night of baseball, food and team building at an Altoona Curve baseball game, sponsored by the PBA YLD and the BCBA YLD on July 14. A lunch and learn was presented on Aug. 4 by Laura Burke on Representing Victims of Domestic Violence. On Aug. 21, a Bridge the Gap program featured panelists Jason Imler, Christopher Michelone, Traci Naugle and Joel Seelye.

A September lunch and learn on the legislative process was presented by Frederick Cabell, PBA legislative director.

Chester
Chester County Bar Association Annual Bar Sail
More than 60 judges, attorneys, spouses and guests sailed (or motored) across the Chesapeake Bay to St. Michaels, Maryland, for our annual “Bar Sail,” where libations and sunny, warm weather welcomed their arrival. Sailboats and even a couple of motorboats met at the docks where attendees enjoyed camaraderie with their fellow colleagues. All then strolled into town for a wonderful crab feast (One member decided to take a short cut and swim across the harbor instead.) The evening continued as our group strolled the streets of St. Michaels, where there was live music and dancing at various local establishments. Many said 2017 was our best Bar Sail ever!

Chester County Bar Association’s New Website
The Chester County Bar Association launched a new website and association management software with Member Central. Members have easy access to all meeting, event and CLE registrations, CLE credit tracking, dues processing, a full member directory and many other features. Two valuable enhancements include a fully-automated Lawyer Referral Service module that assigns and tracks all cases and a distance learning portal that allows the association to offer its library of recorded CLEs to members.

Cumberland
2017 Law Day
Our Law Day 2017 program included mock trial presentations to Cumberland County elementary schools following the American Bar Association’s 14th Amendment theme. Attorneys role played as judges, and students and teachers played the characters.

On trial was a character named Shrek, who was accused of stealing and eating a farmer’s cow. Even Shrek, a big green ogre, gets an attorney and the same rights to a trial as anyone else in the land of Far-Far-Away. The fun play highlighted that Shrek does not have to testify, gets the same rights as a person who would otherwise have testified, and notes why a person might not want to testify.

Twenty-six volunteers gave sixteen presentations in 11 Cumberland County elementary schools, and 1,496 students received Law Day pencils.

WITF Broadcasts Juvenile Justice Series in Partnership with CBA and CCBF
WITF-FM recently broadcast a special series on the juvenile justice system with a particular focus on Cumberland County. This series was the result of a partnership between the Cumberland County Bar Association, the Cumberland County Bar Foundation and WITF.

The series grew from discussions with WITF journalists and the realization that many people don’t know much about the juvenile justice system. There are several underlying reasons for this, but the primary one involves the cloak of confidentiality involved in an effort to protect the identity of the young person accused of a crime or breaking the law; juvenile court proceedings and records are not open to the public. Additionally, juvenile cases are heard by a single judge; juries are not involved. The probation department, prosecutors and defense attorneys often work together to determine what’s best for the young person, while also taking crime victims and public safety into account.

WITF was given unique access to different levels within Cumberland County’s juvenile justice system, including following one young woman in the system for six months.

The series kicked off on Monday, May 22, with a Smart Talk radio broadcast, which discussed an overview of the juvenile justice system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and specific features of Cumberland County’s system. The initial radio panel featured Richard Steele, executive director of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges Commission; Samuel Miller, Cumberland County chief juvenile probation officer, and Ron Turo, Cumberland County juvenile public defender.

The second segment, “A Prosecutor and Judge Weigh In,” aired on May 24 and featured Judge Thomas A. Placey, Cumberland County Common Pleas, and David J. Freed, Cumberland County district attorney. Segment three focused on the relationships between the profes-
sionals involved with the juvenile justice system and the families of youth offenders. This one featured Wendy Luckenbill, chair of the Family Involvement Committee, and Mark Benedetto, Mercer County chief juvenile probation officer. The final segment focused on maintaining the education of youth offenders while working to reintegrate them back into their communities. Speakers were Bob Howard, COO of River Rock Academy; Sandy Dillon-Dick, vice president of treatment at George Junior Republic; Bethany Wheeler, a mobile therapist with George Junior; Craig Stedman, Lancaster County district attorney; and Riya Shah, senior supervising attorney with the Juvenile Law Center in Philadelphia.

The series also featured news stories about Cumberland County’s Juvenile Justice System as one juvenile was followed on her journey through the system. These stories were broadcast over four days during WITF’s Morning Edition and All Things Considered radio programs.

The topics included:
• Part One – An explanatory overview of the Juvenile Justice System.
• Part Two – A profile of juvenile offender Brandi Keifer who received probation in November for six months. The story also talked with her mother about Brandi’s problems.
• Part Three – A look at some of the support system available to Brandi. WITF sat in on her sessions with her mobile therapist and probation officer.
• Part Four – A review of Brandi’s progress six months later and whether she completed the requirements of her probation. Her mom discussed any changes she noticed in Brandi’s behavior.

A special webpage for Brandi’s story with photos and audio is available online at WITF.org. The series and the accompanying media are located at https://features.witf.org/juvenilejustice/.

Dauphin

Dauphin, Cumberland, York and Lancaster bar association staff are collaborating to improve their pro bono and lawyer referral services. Roughly once a quarter, the public service coordinators from the four local bar associations meet to compare notes and learn from each other. The meetings began to welcome a new coordinator and share procedures, forms and other resources. The first few meetings were spent comparing how each bar organized its pro bono and lawyer referral service. The coordinators soon learned that each bar had different procedures but the same goal — to increase access to legal services for everyone in their community. Bar association staff across our county lines can help each other to better help those we serve.

Franklin

The Young Lawyers Division of the Franklin County Bar Association celebrated Law Day with a mock trial for county youth.

Over 110 eighth-grade students from Franklin County schools attended the event, hosted on May 5 in Courtroom One of the Franklin County Courthouse. Students from Chambersburg Area Middle Schools (North and South), Waynesboro Area Middle School, Greencastle Antrim Middle School and James Buchanan Middle School were in attendance. Members of the Young Lawyers Division served as the prosecution, defense and witnesses, with students serving as the jury during the mock trial. Judge Todd Sponseller presided.

The theme for Law Day 2017 was “The 14th Amendment: Civil Rights in America.” Students had the opportunity to participate in a poster contest about this year’s theme. The posters were judged on the following criteria: accurate representation of the theme, creativity, and visual appeal. This year’s winners are: 3rd place – Ainslee Ackerman (3rd place, CAMS North), Genevieve Kuhns (2nd place, CAMS North) and Kace Dorty (1st place, JBMS).

“The members of our Young Lawyers Division truly enjoy hosting the annual Law Day event. It gives us an opportunity to share our knowledge and our passion for the law,” stated Nicole Sipe, chair of the Young Lawyers Division and Law Day chair. “This year, the students learned about the different clauses of the 14th Amendment and how the 14th Amendment helped shape our country. The students also got to watch a mock trial that more closely resembles actual court proceedings than what they have generally been exposed to, such as on television. I have had the honor of being the Law Day chair of the Young Lawyers Division for three years. Each year, I am pleased with how interested and engaged the students are during our presentation.”

FCBA President Mary Beth Shank said, “Franklin County looks forward to hosting this event annually, and it is always encouraging to see the active participation of area students. It is a unique
opportunity for students to witness and engage in the legal system, and our young lawyers do a great job of conveying both the duty and privilege of civic involvement.”

Law Day was originally the idea of Charles S. Rhyne, who was the legal counsel for President Dwight Eisenhower, as well as the president of the American Bar Association from 1957-1958. In 1958, President Eisenhower declared May 1 as “Law Day” to remember the struggles of workers in their fight for better wages and working conditions.

Today, Law Day is designed to educate people of all ages about the legal system and to celebrate the American heritage of liberty, justice and equality.

Pennsylvania takes a slightly different approach by focusing on civic education for children. Some county bar associations utilize classroom visits and law-related lesson plans to educate children about their legal rights and responsibilities. In Franklin County, the Young Lawyers Division puts on the Mock Trial yearly.

Lancaster
This summer the LBA focused on supporting local businesses through social events and other member benefits:
- The Young Lawyers Section hosted a happy hour on June 20 at St. Boniface Craft Brewing Company.
- The LBA partnered with PhotOlé to arrange business portrait shoot sessions for members and their firms.
- Coleson Fine Clothiers sponsored a happy hour for the LBA on July 20.

Lebanon
A group of high school students from Lebanon Catholic School spent a morning observing criminal miscellaneous court, with Lebanon County Court of Common Pleas Judge Bradford H. Charles presiding. He spent time during a break answering questions from the students.

In conjunction with local radio station WLBR/WQIC, the Lebanon County Bar Association presented the Outstanding Senior Award to graduating high school student Elliot Knapp.

All five sitting Court of Common Pleas judges attended the annual bench-bar luncheon and CLE in May. Discussion centered on the use of risks and need in sentencing. The judges opened the floor for general discussion, as well.

The Lebanon County Bar Association welcomed three new members during its spring membership meeting in May. Immediately following was the annual Law Day ceremony, during which new citizens took their oaths, and Professor Thomas Price, professor of law at Penn State Dickinson Law, was the guest speaker. The LCBA also presented eighth-grade student Ryan Daub with an award for the Law Day Essay Contest, based on the theme, “The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy.”

Several attorneys volunteered at the annual Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary Street Fair in June, selling ice cream cones to raise funds for the local hospital.

Four attorneys volunteered for a Wills for Heroes event in June, providing basic legal services to first responders and military veterans.

Luzerne
PBA President Sharon R. López was the special guest at this year’s Law Day Dinner of the Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association – the bar association of Luzerne County. Also attending the dinner from the PBA were David E. Schwager, the PBA treasurer, and Arthur L. Piccone and Frank X. O’Connor, past PBA presidents. The dinner is chaired by the association’s Law Day Dinner Committee, consisting of Debra Ann

The Lancaster County Bar Association partnered with PhotOlé to arrange business portrait shoot sessions for members and their firms. From left: Luann Bleich, Lisa Driendl-Miller, Steve Grumm, Rebecca Townsend and Yolanda Dwyer
On the Local Scene...

Lycoming

Local Legal Community Honors Law Day Winners

Nine Lycoming County students received awards in a session of Lycoming County Court for the Lycoming Law Association's annual Law Day.

Created in 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Law Day is nationally recognized every May 1.

The American Bar Association picks a topic each year and students (public, private or home schooled) are invited to submit work for either the essay or art competition.

This year’s topic, “The 14th Amendment in Transforming American Democracy,” focused on the equal protection and due process aspects of the otherwise broad amendment.

The relevant portion of the amendment reads, “… Nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of laws.”

“This is an exciting day,” said Ryan M. Tira, local attorney and president of the law association. “It’s a great way to show the kids the law and history of the country and how they’re interrelated. I always enjoy that it’s a way for my own children to get involved in what I do.”

The students’ essays tackled tough topics in issues such as voting rights, the 1944 wrongful execution of 14-year-old George Stinney, illegal immigration and the relationship between minority groups and law enforcement.
On the Local Scene...

“I’m always impressed with the quality and variety of the essays,” District Judge and Law Day chairman Christian D. Frey said.

In the art competition this year, students used posters and even a video to share their views on why the 14th Amendment has been so important in shaping the democratic society of America.

“Each year these kids do such a phenomenal job,” President Judge Nancy L. Butts said. “It’s nice to hear about what we do from another voice and a completely different perspective.”

Butts also thanked not only the students, but the parents who encouraged them to submit work.

“These take a great deal of passion and a great deal of thought,” Judge Dudley N. Anderson said. “This field could use good, strong advocates like yourselves.”

The ceremony was videotaped and shown by Comcast on Channel 190.

LCBA Wills for Heroes

On April 29, 21 Lycoming County attorneys donated their time to provide free legal services to multiple military and first responders. This was the third time since October 2015 that the Lycoming Law Association and its members coordinated a Wills for Heroes event. In addition to the attorney volunteers, there were multiple notaries who also helped to provide free basic estate planning documents to 33 heroes at the day-long event, which took place at the Old Lycoming Township Volunteer Fire Company’s social hall.

The Lycoming Law Association is delighted and thankful to be able to aid our heroes in this way.

LLA Annual Picnic

The Lycoming Law Association summer picnic is an annual tradition. This year’s event took place at Herman & Luther’s in Montoursville. Guests included PBA President Sharon R. López, PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Trevaskis and Penn State Law Assistant Dean Randolph Reliford.

The well-attended event featured good food and a pleasant atmosphere. Thanks to FindLaw for sponsoring the picnic.

Monroe

Local Nonprofit Receives Nearly $320,000 from Monroe County Bar Association

Monroe County Bar Association has presented another $80,000 contribution to North Penn Legal Services, bringing the four-year funding total to nearly $320,000. These funds will continue to subsidize the Stroudsburg office, dedicated to providing free civil legal services to low-income families in Monroe and Pike counties and costs for professional staff from July 2017 through June 2018.

The contribution enables North Penn to continue to retain full-time attorney Caitlin Humphreys dedicated to Monroe County. Stroudsburg’s managing attorney, Jim Butz, represents clients in both counties. Without the support, Butz would bear the burden of absorbing both regions, and pro bono capabilities would suffer, leaving very little legal aid to either county.

“The Monroe County Bar Association is extremely pleased to again be able to provide funding to assist North Penn Legal Services to engage a full-time staff attorney and part-time administrative assistant dedicated to providing legal representation to those residents of Monroe County least able to afford it,” stated Monroe County Bar Association President Tim McManus.

North Penn Legal Services Executive Director Vicki Coyle commented, “Annually, the Monroe County Bar Association has been the single largest charitable donor to support civil legal aid in the 20 counties serviced by North Penn Legal Services,” reporting more than 900 cases accommodated since adding Attorney Humphreys on board.

While financial assistance is critical, MCBA’s role stems beyond revenue resourcing establishing programs, such as MCBA’s Modest Means Program.
(MMP), and collaboratively working with North Penn by holding clinics for low-income individuals and families in key legal service areas such as custody and expungements.

Launched last October, the Modest Means Program is designed to assist county residents in lower-income brackets that North Penn is unable to service. Qualified clients may be able to obtain a lawyer to represent them, in a limited scope, with specific legal issues. Included are those that affect one's ability to be employed, like a suspended driver’s license or criminal record that may be expunged. Representation for simple divorces, child support, and custody is also available within MMP's guidelines. Other covered issues include home foreclosure, tenant representation, collections, Chapter 7 bankruptcy, simple and living wills and powers of attorney.

Working out of MCBA offices since 2013, the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) has provided mortgage foreclosure mitigation counseling for more than 200 Monroe County families. Housing counselor Neal Tarulli provides a detailed review of each case and prepares for submission a comprehensive loan modification to the lender. CEO’s success rate in obtaining approvals for modifications exceeds 75 percent.

Monroe County Bar Association Vice President Mark Primrose acknowledged the importance of offering pro bono services and vowed, "As long as we have the funds to do it, we’ll continue to do it.”

Montgomery

June Events Net $62K For Justice-Related Causes

On June 1, an enthusiastic crowd of nearly 300 concert goers packed the Main Line’s Ardmore Music Hall to witness “lawyers who rock” at LAWYERPALOOZA, a unique concert event and fundraiser staged to celebrate Montgomery Bar Foundation’s landmark 30th anniversary and its generous supporters. Six musical acts (all including Montgomery Bar Association members) served up stellar sounds of rock, bluegrass, acoustic, top-40, R&B and more, while guest emcee Judge Gary S. Silow’s witty, irreverent monologue kept things flowing between set and wardrobe changes. Throughout the night, the enthusiastic crowd danced, mingled and took in the true musical talent in their midst, which even included a surprise vocal performance by Judge Thomas C. Branca. By all accounts, the night was a major success for the bar foundation, which managed to net nearly $20,000 in ticket sales, sponsorships and concert shirt sales. In addition to raising critical funds and awareness for the bar foundation and its causes, news coverage shined a positive light on “real lawyers.” When all was said and done, no one suffered any noticeable long-term hearing loss, and everyone enjoyed an evening that will live in their memories for years to come. Foundation President Michael F. Rogers raved, “I could not have been more impressed with the event. I was completely overwhelmed by the success of the evening, which had the perfect combination of charitable benefit, appreciation/recognition for the fellows, cooperation between the bench and the bar and great music. I will remember this for a long time.”

On the heels of LAWYERPALOOZA was the bar association and bar foundation’s annual Legal Aid Golf Classic

From left: North Penn Legal Services Attorney Caitlin Humphreys joins Executive Director Vicki Coyle to accept another $80,000 contribution from Monroe County Bar Association President Tim McManus and Vice President Mark Primrose
on June 23. Any questions about the sustainability of both events taking place within a three-week window were quickly silenced by a great team effort by staff, a full field of golfers and generous sponsors, and heated competition among the bar’s section leaders for raffle ticket sale superiority in their 4th annual “Section Challenge.” Against all odds, the Young Lawyers Section managed to eke out an 11th-hour win to claim their fourth consecutive raffle ticket Section Challenge and, despite the threat of thunderstorms, this year’s Legal Aid Golf Classic managed to net a whopping $42,000 for Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Expansion of Services for Domestic Violence Victims

Legal Aid of Southeastern PA (LASP) was recently awarded funding from the Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) program to expand services for victims of domestic violence in Montgomery County. The VOCA grant supports a partnership between LASP, the Montgomery County Bar Association and the Women’s Center of Montgomery County, enabling LASP to increase the availability of skilled attorneys, who are trained to understand the dynamics of abuse and to take a trauma-informed approach to serving these victims. VOCA funding will also allow LASP to serve victims under the recent sexual assault and intimidation law who have been underserved in our area due to limited funding.

LASP has also established a countywide toll-free PFA helpline (1-855-980-6924) to make it easier for domestic abuse victims in Montgomery County to connect directly with LASP’s new full-time domestic violence attorney or paralegal for legal assistance. Callers will be able to obtain information on filing for a PFA, get legal advice directly related to their situation, be informed of other services, such as the Women’s Center of Montgomery County and Laurel House, and set up an appointment for a one-to-one consultation with the domestic violence attorney, who will also represent people at their PFA court hearings. The helpline will be available during business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.), and callers can leave a message outside of those hours.

Pike

Pike County Bar Association Recognizes Scholarship Recipients

On June 7, during Delaware Valley’s Annual Scholarship Night, the Pike County Bar Association (PCBA) awarded eight memorial and academic scholarships to the high school’s graduating class of 2017.

The annual $1,000 scholarships are awarded in honor of Pike County Bar Association attorneys who passed away. These members include former Pennsylvania and Pike County Bar Association President Dr. Sidney Krawitz, Sanford Beecher, Matthew Blumberg, Jack Linshaw, Arthur B. Siegel and James Albrecht.

Longstanding Pike County Bar Association President Elizabeth Erickson Kameen, a Delaware Valley High School graduate, along with Miriam Siegel, wife of the late Arthur B. Siegel, a memorable and colorful attorney, were on hand to distribute and congratulate graduating seniors who were awarded the scholarships: Laura Reno, recipient of the Dr. Sidney Krawitz Scholarship; Jacob Lockwood, recipient of the Sanford Beecher, Esq. Scholarship; Stefanie O’Grady, recipient of the Matthew Blumberg Scholarship; James Stevens, recipient of the James Albrecht, Esq. Scholarship; Rebecca M. Suta, recipient of the Jack Linshaw, Esq. Scholarship; and Parker Hamill and Hannah Gallagher, recipients of the Pike County Bar Association Scholarship.

The Pike County Bar Association is proud of the hard work and dedication of the Delaware Valley High School graduating class of 2017 and wishes them the best as they travel the path of life.
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PBA Committee/Section Day, Harrisburg

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