PBA Young Lawyers Division to Hold Summer Meeting & New Admittee Conference Aug. 5-7 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort

Young lawyers are invited to attend the 2015 YLD Summer Meeting and New Admittee Conference at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Seven Springs, Pennsylvania. This premier legal conference is planned for young lawyers by young lawyers.

• Earn CLE credits in a relaxed environment
• Enjoy social and recreational activities with your families and other conference attendees
• Meet other attorneys from across the commonwealth, as well as justices, judges and Pennsylvania Bar Association leaders

See page 2 for the schedule and page 3 for more information about the New Admittee Conference. Click here for the brochure and registration form.
**PBA YLD Summer Meeting & New Admittee Conference Agenda**  
*August 5-7, 2015 • Seven Springs Mountain Resort*

**Wednesday, August 5**

5:30 p.m.  **Cocktails**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  **Dinner**
Opening remarks will be given by the YLD Chair Justin Bayer and PBA President William Pugh.

**Thursday, August 6**

**Breakfast on your own**

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  **Business Meeting**
Get an update on what is happening in the YLD, learn about the programs for this year and how you can expand your practice through Division participation. Bring your ideas about programs you want to see the Division implement and ways the PBA YLD can assist your county with young lawyer programs.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  **Impact and Preview of the Federal Practice**  
(1.0 Substantive CLE Credit)
Join us to hear a lively discussion among several members of the Federal Bench who will discuss some of the most interesting cases in the U.S. Supreme Court in the past term and a look ahead at the fascinating issues to be addressed by the Court in the coming year.

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  **Practice before the Commonwealth Court**  
(1.0 Substantive CLE Credit)
What is the Commonwealth Court? Join a panel consisting of a Commonwealth Court judge, the Chief Clerk, and an experienced practitioner who will provide a foundation on what the Commonwealth Court is and tips for presenting a case before the Court. They will discuss e-filing, tracking records and dockets, motions practice, civil and appellate rules, oral argument and brief drafting.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  **Introduction to the Unauthorized Practice of Law**  
(1.0 Substantive CLE Credit)
Can you identify the unauthorized practice of law? Do you know what to do when you encounter it? This informative CLE will provide you with the ability to identify the unauthorized practice and educate you on what to do when you encounter it. You will also learn how to help the public and the profession. The UPL Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association investigates complaints against any person not authorized to practice law who is alleged to be performing acts or services constituting the practice of law. The committee also coordinates activities with county bar association committees.

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  **The Drama of Family Law**  
(1.0 Substantive CLE Credit)
Gain practical tips on managing client expectations and emotions as you navigate through the courts. Learn from a panel of experienced family law attorneys how to conduct your first family law office consultation. Discover what information is critical to explore and discuss at this stage and get tips on managing the client’s expectations and emotions moving forward. Basic forms will be provided to help direct information gathering about assets and debts for divorce clients and to assist your client in providing documentation.

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  **Restorative Justice Services: A Cure for Better Employment, Education and Housing?**  
(1.0 Substantive CLE Credit)
Many Pennsylvanians are caught in a vicious cycle of dreams deferred based upon past criminal offenses. Because of their criminal records, they may not be able to secure viable employment, subsidized housing or federal student loans for advanced educational opportunities. Learn how the Pennsylvania expungement laws and the pardon process may serve as a tool to assist individuals with restoration and reduce recidivism.

3:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  **Free Time**

6:00 p.m.  **Cocktail Hour**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  **Dinner**
Guest Speaker: Centre County President Judge Thomas K. Kistler

**Friday, August 7**

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  **Battles as Adversaries, Not Enemies**  
(1.0 Ethics CLE Credit)
The PBA Bar Leadership Institute will offer a summary of the results of its recent survey on civility and professionalism, which sought to determine if lack of civility and professionalism is widespread, and if so, what are some practical solutions for improving the problem. An overwhelming response was received, with more than 1,500 attorneys responding, indicating that this is indeed an issue of concern. The session will explore the survey respondents’ real-world experiences with incivility, offer advice on how to handle such situations and how to avoid the pitfalls of engaging in unprofessional and/or uncivil behavior. It will also discuss why civility and professionalism is integral to the successful practice of law and who should be responsible for correcting uncivil and unprofessional behaviors.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  **Introduction to Casemaker**  
(1.0 Substantive CLE Credit)
Casemaker is the free online legal research tool offered with your PBA membership. Learn about Casemaker’s broad libraries covering all 50 states and federal-level materials and how to use its suite of tools, including CaseCheck+, CiteCheck and Casemaker Digest, to make research faster and easier.

The MCLE programs for the 2015 PBA YLD Summer Meeting are presented in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. The Pennsylvania Bar Institute is approved by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court CLE Board as an accredited CLE provider. The individual CLE programs for this conference have been approved for the number of credit hours indicated.
Dear County Bar President, County Bar Executive Director and County Bar Executive Secretary:

The Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division will again host the annual New Admittee Conference to provide enriching opportunities for Pennsylvania’s young lawyers. The New Admittee Conference will be held in conjunction with the YLD Summer Meeting at the Seven Springs Resort in Somerset, PA, on Aug. 5-7, 2015. This conference encourages young lawyers to actively participate in their local and state bar associations and also highlights the many opportunities available to young attorneys through their membership in the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

The YLD Summer Meeting and New Admittee Conference offers young lawyers opportunities to network with their colleagues and learn from experienced practitioners, judges, and legislators. We expect to have as our guests justices from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, many judges from various courts throughout the commonwealth, government attorneys from various agencies, and practitioners from all across the commonwealth. Attendees of all ranges of experience will be given the opportunity to earn CLE credits in a relaxed environment, as well as enjoy social and recreational activities with their families and each other.

As county bar president, please identify a “new admittee” representative (a young lawyer that will have been in practice for less than three years) from your county to participate in this conference. The benefits to be realized by the Pennsylvania Bar Association and local bar associations is highly dependent on having at least one representative from each of the 65 county bar associations attend. The Pennsylvania Bar Association will sponsor one new admittance county representative from each county, providing for lodging and meals for those individuals. The only cost county YLD new admittance representatives should incur will be travel costs to and from Somerset and earning CLE credits – a small price for the benefits the new admittance will receive by attending the conference.

At the conference, your new admittance will attend CLE sessions targeted to the interests of young lawyers, learn about opportunities for participating in law related education activities, and meet lawyers, judges and officials from around Pennsylvania, all in the hopes that they will be better prepared for leadership roles in both your local bar association and the PBA.

Your assistance in helping us to identify a local young lawyer is greatly appreciated. To nominate a young lawyer from your county, please contact Maria Engles at YLD Coordinator Maria Engles at 1-800-932-0311, ext. 2223 or maria.engles@pabar.org. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Maria or me at jbayer@kanepugh.com.

Sincerely,
Justin Bayer, YLD Chair
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PBA Names Lawyers for 2015-16 Class of Institute Developing ‘Next Generation of Leaders’

Pennsylvania Bar Association President William H. Pugh V has named 11 Pennsylvania lawyers to the 2015-16 class of the association’s Bar Leadership Institute (BLI).

“The institute develops the next generation of leaders for the state’s largest bar association by giving selected young lawyers an up close look at the PBA’s operations, governance and member resources,” said Pugh. “During the year-long program, each class member attends a variety of PBA meetings and events and is paired with a member of the PBA Board of Governors who serves as mentor to the participant.”

This year’s BLI co-chairs are Charles Eppolito III, White and Williams LLP, Philadelphia, and Lisa M. Benzie, Navitsky, Olson & Wisneski LLP, Harrisburg. Both Eppolito and Benzie have served in a number of PBA leadership roles, including terms as chair of the PBA House of Delegates.

The BLI class size was limited to 11 lawyers. 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.

Founded in 1895, the Pennsylvania Bar Association exists to promote justice, professional excellence and respect of the law; improve public understanding of the legal system; facilitate access to legal services; and serve the 28,000 lawyers who are members of the association.

Enter the 2015 Lawyer Magazine Fiction Contest

Members, see your words and byline in print when the top three entries in the 2015 Short Story Fiction Contest are featured in the November/December issue of the PBA’s award-winning Pennsylvania Lawyer magazine. Get more information and entry form.

2015-16 BLI Class Members

Allegheny County
- Katherine P. Berquist, Weinheimer, Schadel & Haber PC, Pittsburgh

Chester County
- Patrick J. Gallo Jr., MacElree Harvey Ltd., West Chester

Crawford County
- Valerie N. Sylves, The Law Office of Valerie N. Sylves LLC, Meadville

Dauphin County
- Aaron N. Holt, Dauphin County Public Defender’s Office, Harrisburg
- Anthony M. Hoover, McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC, Harrisburg

Lackawanna County
- Jennifer Menichini, Greco Law Associates PC, Scranton

Luzerne County
- C. David Pedri, Luzerne County Solicitor, Wilkes-Barre

Montgomery County
- Patrina A. Ozurumba, Stevens & Lee PC, King of Prussia

Philadelphia County
- Tyesha C. Miley, Law Offices of TCM & Associates

Tioga County
- Tiffany L. Cummings, Tiffany L. Cummings LLC, Mansfield

York County
- Laura L. Smith, York County Bar Association, York
Art Enthusiasts Enjoy the Art and Architecture of Pittsburgh’s Federal Courthouse
By Hayley A. Haldeman

When one thinks of Pittsburgh’s federal courthouse, the building’s art and architecture are unlikely to be the first thoughts that come to mind. But on Friday, March 27, the federal courthouse hosted 50 Mattress Factory patrons for a behind-the-scenes tour of the courthouse’s art and architecture. The Mattress Factory is a contemporary art museum and experimental lab featuring site-specific installations created by artists in residence from around the world.

Leading the tour was deputy clerk Michael Palus, who showed the group four different courtrooms and highlighted the building’s architecture, history and visual art. “I always look forward to the opportunity to show off the hidden beauty of our courthouse. It was a pleasure to share it with a group who had a real knowledge and appreciation of our building’s artwork.”

The group attended through the Factory 500, the Mattress Factory’s premiere membership program. The Factory 500 tours private collections, artist studios, local businesses and other interesting arts destinations in Pittsburgh several times throughout the year.

Factory 500 Chair Susan Lammie enjoyed the tour. “Never having been in the Federal Courthouse myself, it was surprising to me to see such large-scale artwork, front and center, in the courtroom. It has such a presence. I kept thinking about the context provided by the court room and our judicial system and the effect the art has on its captive audience.”

Palus additionally discussed the courthouse’s role and interaction with the community. In addition to courthouse tours and programs for regional students, the district court’s Community Outreach Committee presents a rotating art exhibition in the courthouse lobby that features local artists and arts groups. This Committee is chaired by District Judge Nora Barry Fischer and comprised of court employees, clerks, and fellow District Judges Mark Hornak and Cathy Bissoon. The community outreach initiative is an outgrowth of the Third Circuit’s Committee on Courts & Community, which is chaired by Third Circuit Judge Marjorie Rendell and is intended to better connect the federal courts with the people and communities they serve.

Following the tour, Factory 500 members attended an artist talk and reception at Jones Day. Laura Ellsworth, partner-in-charge of Pittsburgh’s Jones Day office, welcomed the group and introduced the office’s art collection, which includes works by Aaron Henry Gorson, Henry Koerner, and William Pfahl.

The reception also included a presentation by Pittsburgh artist Ron Donoughe. He discussed his work in Jones Day’s collection and his “90 Neighborhoods” project, for which Donoughe did an on-site painting in each of Pittsburgh’s 90 neighborhoods.

As current chair of the Allegheny County Bar Association’s Arts & the Law Committee, I helped coordinate the tour. Last year, we did a similar tour for the ACBA, and it introduced a new perspective on the Courthouse. It was interesting to re-do the tour with the Factory 500. The majority of members are not lawyers but were fascinated by the building’s history and the intersection of arts and the law.

Palus also noted the group’s interest in the judicial system generally. “I wanted to make sure that I was prepared for any questions about our building’s art. And there were many! But there were also just as many questions about what goes on daily in the courthouse and our federal court system. I wasn’t planning on talking about our court, but it was especially gratifying that so many were interested in what we do, not just the building in which we work.”

For more information about joining Factory 500, please visit www.mattress.org.

Hayley A. Haldeman is an associate at Jones Day in Pittsburgh. Her practice focuses on civil litigation in federal and state courts. Hayley is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Allegheny County Bar Association and is on the executive committee of the ACBA Arts & the Law Committee.
17 Skills of Successful Lawyers in 2015: PBI Town Hall Takeaways

On March 31, 2015, PBI began a first-ever dialog of lawyers across the continent pertaining to the skills of successful lawyers. The goal of the discussion is to train law students and practitioners to be the best possible lawyers they can be.

Among the topics included were: self-direction and self-motivation, commitment to lifelong learning, effective communication, resilience, strategic thought, and understanding the unique role of upholding the rule of law.

To find out more about these topics and many more, go to http://www.pbi.org/news/17-skills-of-successful-lawyers-in-2015-pbi-town-hall-takeaways. You can also join in the discussion by posting your thoughts or suggestions for the next Town Hall being held in October, 2015, hosted by Jon Delano, political analyst, KDKA-TV, Pittsburgh.

Expanding Pro Bono Options

By Sandy Ballard, Public Services Coordinator, Dauphin County Bar Association

Every year, the Dauphin County Bar Association encourages each of its 1,400 members to participate in pro bono efforts. Members include retired in-house corporate counsel, trade association lobbyists, law school professors and government attorneys. Thus, the DCBA tries to offer “something for everyone” with a wide variety of pro bono opportunities. This spring, Dauphin County partnered with other agencies to add two new options.

First, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society of Pennsylvania (HIAS PA) contacted Dauphin County to find pro bono attorneys to assist local caretakers of immigrant children (many from Central America) with custody petitions. Once the local court issues an appropriate custody order, HIAS PA can assist the child to request Special Immigrant Juvenile Status a form of humanitarian relief available to children who have been abandoned, neglected or abused by one or both parents.

The DCBA quickly sent an email message to members. Several attorneys expressed interest and are working with HIAS PA to assist children in need.

The DCBA is also working with Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity to host a Pro Bono Expungement Intake Clinic on Oct. 10, 2015. PLSE assisted Community Legal Services in developing a computer program to help draft expungement petitions by scanning court dockets and extracting information. To date, PLSE has filed over 3,000 petitions in Philadelphia and is expanding its effective efforts.

Much like the Wills for Heroes clinic format, PLSE will provide the training during the first hour of the Clinic and no additional training is needed. Law students and paralegals will also assist in gathering information at the Clinic. Pro bono attorneys will follow up on the expungement filings and PLSE will continue to be a resource for DCBA’s efforts.

If the October Clinic is successful, DCBA hopes to offer the Expungement Clinics to the community on a regular basis.
On June 12, 2015 hundreds of MBA members and guests turned out to celebrate the accomplishments of MBA members serving statewide leadership positions in 2015. The Philadelphia Cricket Club was the site of the Friday evening cocktail reception, which also included a strong showing from members of the bench. MBA President Bruce Pancio served as the master of ceremonies and included kind words of introduction for each of the honorees. Each received a keepsake frame recognizing their accomplishments. These attorneys took to the microphone and were eloquent in their comments, citing the personal and professional rewards that have come along with active membership and leadership in both the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Montgomery Bar Association. In a rare confluence of stewardship, the following members have assumed leadership roles in their respective organizations:

- William H. Pugh, V, Esq. - President, Pennsylvania Bar Association
- John R. Howland, Esq. - President, Pennsylvania Conference of County Bar Leaders
- The Honorable Mark A. Kearney - President, Pennsylvania Bar Institute
- Donald J. Martin, Esq. – Chair, Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates
- Justin A. Bayer, Esq. – Chair, Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division

2008-2009 PBA President C. Dale McClain and other MBA members who have served leadership positions with the PBA and PBI also received recognition for their accomplishments.
**Allegheny County**

**ACBA Women in the Law Division Annual Luncheon**

The annual luncheon of the ACBA Women in the Law Division (WLD) took place on April 17 at the DoubleTree by Hilton. The event featured Jessica Yellin, an award-winning political journalist and former CNN chief White House correspondent, who spoke on the misperception of women in the media and politics.

**WLD Issues Workplace Policy Report and Model Paid Parental Leave Policy**

In 2015 the Allegheny County Bar Association WLD formed a Workplace Policy Committee to review issues impacting paid parental leave for members of the bar association. The Workplace Policy Committee, consisting of 14 volunteer members of the bar association, contributed significant time and effort to develop the WLD Workplace Policy Report and Model Paid Parental Leave Policy.

The WLD then submitted the Workplace Policy Report and Model Paid Parental Leave Policy to the ACBA Board of Governors for consideration and approval, and it was accepted at the June 2 meeting as a resource for the members of the bar association. ACBA members can click here (http://www.acba.org/Login?returnurl=%2fWLD-Workplace-Policy-Report-and-Model-Paid-Parental-Leave-Policy) to view the WLD Model Paid Parental Leave Policy and WLD Workplace Policy Committee Report and Recommendation.

**Butler County**

**Attorneys Honored**

The Butler County Bar Association used the occasion of its quarterly meeting on June 10 to honor attorney Leo M. Stepanian Sr. for 56 years of dedicated service as editor of the Butler County Legal Journal. Attorney Lee A. Montgomery presented a resolution commemorating Leo’s service and dedication to the law profession. The resolution contained a letter written July 16, 1959 by then-President Judge Clyde S. Shumaker. The letter commended Stepanian for his efforts and on the success the Legal Journal enjoyed during its first year in existence. Judge Shumaker’s closing words hoped that the Butler County Legal Journal would have a long life and would prove to be increasingly useful and beneficial to its readers. The hope of Judge Shumaker has been realized under the leadership of Leo M. Stepanian. BCBA President Elizabeth Smith unveiled a poster-sized copy of the cover of the July 17, 2015 edition of the Journal, which will honor Attorney Stepanian. The photo will placed on permanent display at the bar headquarters.

Along with Stepanian, six other attorneys were honored for more than 50 years of service to the Butler County Bar Association, the legal profession and the community. The attorneys recognized were: Norman D. Jaffe, Honorable Martin J O’Brien, Leo M. Stepanian Sr., Robert J. Stock, Robert F. Hawk, Lee A Montgomery and Honorable George H. Hancher.

Also at the meeting, the BCBA Foundation granted $35,500 to Victim Outreach Intervention Center (VOICe). The association voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the BCBA Foundation and the executive committee to pledge the foundation’s first grant to VOICe. The grant is contingent upon VOICe receiving sufficient funding from other sources to fund its operations relating to legal staff primarily for protection from abuse services for its fiscal year 2015-2016. BCBA President Elizabeth A. Smith advised the association that in 2014, 385 PFA petitions were filed at the Butler County Courthouse. VOICe represented 315 of the 385 PFA petitioners. VOICe lost its funding for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for legal services.

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provided to victims of abuse. After some discussion, the BCBA approved the measure, given that the loss of funding and VOICE attorneys would seriously impact the public’s access to justice and have an impact on the judicial system. Attorney Karen Berg accepted the donation on behalf of VOICE.

**Chester County**

Chester County Bar Association’s First Annual Advocacy Academy

The Chester County Bar Association will be hosting the First Annual Advocacy Academy on Oct. 15-17. This three-day course will consist of nine hours of daily instruction and student demonstration taught by an outstanding group of judges and experienced litigators. Students will learn how to present competent openings, closings and cross-examinations of witnesses and expert witnesses. The impressive list of instructors includes the Honorable Juan R. Sanchez of the U.S. District Court, Chester County Common Pleas Judges Mark Tunnell, Jeffrey Sommer, Ronald Nagle, Robert Shenkin, Ann Marie Wheatcroft, Patrick Carmody, David Borner, John Hall and Katherine Platt, as well as Chester County District Attorney Thomas Hogan, among many other talented litigators. Fifteen attorneys have been accepted into the program, and the bar association looks forward to seeing this program flourish in years to come.

**Cumberland County**

Law Day: Robin Hood Mock Trial Held

The Cumberland County Law Day program was the mock trial of Robin Hood. The skit was written by two YLD members who were also the co-chairs of the committee. The skit, which was performed in 10 elementary schools with 45 volunteers, reached 1,165 students. Some of the volunteers came in costumes and helped the volunteer students play Maid Marion, Robin Hood, the bailiff, the tax collector, the sheriff of Nottingham and the judge. Many teachers were so impressed with the program that they asked the YLD to return next year. The Law Day committee also purchased the book, *The Magna Carta Chronicle, a Young Person’s Guide to 800 Years in the Fight for Freedom* for the eight Cumberland County libraries and 36 elementary schools.

Public Service Event

The CCBA Pro Bono Program and MidPenn Legal Services presented a public service event on June 2 at the Bosler Library in Carlisle. The program, “Barriers to Employment and Housing Opportunities: How to Correct the Past and Begin the Future,” provided information pertaining to expungements and pardons, as well as repairing credit. A second program was presented at Hope Station in Carlisle on Saturday, June 20.

Judicial Evaluation Commission

The Cumberland County Bar Association re-activated its Judicial Evaluation Commission to review the credentials of the six candidates running for one open judge seat. The six-week process included two public forums.

Erie County

Law Day 2015: Keynote Speaker Tom Ridge Draws a Full House at Annual Luncheon

The Erie County Bar Association celebrated Law Day 2015 with the annual luncheon on Friday, Apr. 24 at Erie’s Bayfront Convention Center with a full house. Attorney Michael A. Fetzer, Law Day chairman who was honored with the Chancellor of the Bar Award, and the Honorable Tom Ridge.
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house to hear keynote speaker, Honorable Tom Ridge. Secretary Ridge presented his topic, “America: Our Brand and Our Values.” He shared many stories with his local friends and former colleagues, making the annual lunch festive and full of good spirits.

Prior to the luncheon, Secretary Ridge held a special “Students and Teachers Program” session with educators and students from 11 local high schools and four area colleges. Congratulations to Attorney Adam E. Barnett, who was recognized with the Pro Bono Award; Patrick Cappabianca, who was awarded the Liberty Bell Award; and Attorney Michael A. Fetzner, who was honored with the Chancellor of the Bar Award.

Erie County Bar Association Law Day 5K

The ECBA’s 12th Annual Law Day 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 25 was a huge success, thanks to our sponsors, volunteers and more than 300 participants. The race ushers in the spring running season and is Part I of the Erie Runner’s Club 2015 Summer Triple Crown Series. This fun event brought friends, family and teams together to benefit the Attorneys & Kids Together Program and the Erie Runner’s Club Scholarship Fund. The Attorneys and Kids Together Program supports the educational needs of local students living in homeless situations. An integral part of this program is the Kid Konnection mentoring events held throughout the spring, including this year’s big trip to Pittsburgh. Children and their mentors enjoyed a fun-filled day trip with stops at the Carnegie Science Center and Highmark SportsWorks.

On June 15, Mark Richmond, chair of the ECBA Law Day 5K Committee, along with committee members, presented a check in the amount of $12,625 to AKT Chair Melissa Shirey and AKT Kid Konnection participants.

Fayette County

Annual Bar Banquet

Fayette County held its annual Bar Banquet on April 17 at Nemacolin Woodlands Resort’s Horizon Point. A spontaneous group photo included six current, senior and retired judges of our Court of Common Pleas: Conrad B. Capuzzi, Gerald R. Solomon, Steve P. Leskine, Nancy D. Vernon, Joseph M. George, Jr. and Fred C. Adams. A memorabilia table included programs from past banquets, some of which listed the dinner menus. Menu items from bygone eras included turkey, roasted and stuffed with oysters, Neselrode pudding, Crème de Menthe frappes, and apple pie with cheddar cheese. The Fayette County Bar Association was formed in 1889 and held its first bar banquet in 1890.

Franklin County

May 1 – Law Day

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

Approximately 130 eighth grade and high school students from Franklin County schools attended the event, hosted Friday, May 1 in Courtroom 1 of the Franklin County Courthouse. Students from Chambersburg Area Middle Schools (North and South), Waynesboro Area Middle School, Greencastle Antrim Middle School, James Buchanan Middle School, and the Career Magnet School were in attendance. Members of the

The Erie County Bar Association’s Law Day 5K raised $12,625 for the Attorneys and Kids Together Program. Mark Richmond, chair of the ECBA Law Day 5K Committee, and committee members presented a check to AKT Chair Melissa Shirey and AKT Kid Konnection participants. Staff and ECBA members in the photo: Heidi Weismiller, Jamie Mead, Melissa Shirey, Paula Gregory, Mark Richmond and Steve Smika.
Young Lawyers Division served as the judge, prosecution, defense and witnesses, with students serving as the jury during the mock trial.

Pat Martin, Judge Zook’s court crier said, “People think they need to get permission to watch court. Most court cases are open to the public, except those dealing with juveniles.” She encourages members of the community to watch Court and become more familiar with our legal system.

The theme for Law Day 2015 was “Magna Carta – Symbol of Freedom Under Law.” 2015 marks the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta.

Students learned about some of our fundamental rights that were inspired by the Magna Carta. The FCBA YLD focused on “Trial by Jury – Why is it Important?” Students had the opportunity to participate in a poster contest about this year’s theme and were recognized at Law Day for their posters. Vincent Wijaya was awarded 1st place, Kaytlin Greenawalt 2nd place, and Alexis Happel 3rd place. Laura Huynh, Kloe Ocker, Rebecca Fischer, Taylor McDaniels, Sydney Runshaw, Taylor O’Donnell, Dakota Bard, Carol Kretzer, Sammy Haas, Cole Timmons, Bryson Byers, Eli Kelso, Emma Wolfe, Ashley Adams, and Cortney Erb received honorable mention certificates.

“The Franklin County Bar Association Young Lawyer Division had a hard time choosing the winners of the Law Day Poster contest. It was clear all of the students who participated put a lot of thought, time and effort into their posters. We were impressed with how respectful and engaged the students were who attended the Law Day celebration.” said YLD Chair Annie Gómez Shockey.

“Law Day is a great opportunity for students to visit our courthouse and learn about the legal system. The mock trial is a fun and informative way for students to witness how a trial happens and to see how a jury deliberates to a decision. Each year, we try to convey a message of civic involvement and responsibility to the many students who attend Law Day.” said Clinton T. Barkdoll, president of the Franklin County Bar Association.

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Nineteen first responders and spouses were able to obtain wills, POAs and living wills. The Wills for Heroes events have made a wonderful impact in our community. The YLD is looking forward to expanding these services to veterans.

Lebanon County

Law Day Ceremony and Essay contest

Five new attorneys were admitted to practice in the Lebanon County Court of Common Pleas during the annual Law Day and Naturalization Ceremony. Also, a high school student was awarded a prize for the Law Exploring Program’s essay contest.

Outstanding Senior Award

The Lebanon County Bar Association, in conjunction with the local radio station WLBR/WQIC, presented the Outstanding Senior Award to a local high school student.

Volunteer Projects

LCBA Attorneys volunteered their time for two community projects recently. Attorneys took to a section of Route 322 in Lebanon County for the Adopt-A-Highway program and volunteered for a booth at the Lebanon Street Fair, which benefits the Good Samaritan Hospital.

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 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 yearly puts on the mock trial.

Juror Appreciation Day

The FCBA’s YLD hosted Juror Appreciation Day on Monday, May 11. 195 Jurors were treated to coffee, juice, pastries, bagels, and fruit, at the Franklin County Courthouse. Courthouse staff were invited to participate as well.

Wills for Heroes

On Saturday, May 16, FCBA’s YLD conducted a Wills for Heroes event at the Chambersburg Fire Department.

Lehigh County

The Bar Association of Lehigh County celebrated Law Day 2015 recently and recognized Adrian Shanker with its Liberty Bell Award for his efforts focused on equality for all.

Luzerne County

PBA Officers Attend W-BLLA Law Day Dinner Celebrating the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta

In the final days of his presidency, PBA President Francis X. O’Connor attended, along with PBA Treasurer David E. Schwager, the Law Day Dinner of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association (the bar association of Luzerne County). This year’s dinner celebrated the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta of 1215, and the importance that it gained with its various reaffirmations, especially that following the English Glorious Revolution of 1688. The dinner also honored the Honorable Thomas F. Burke Jr. on

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the completion of his highly successful president judgeship of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County and 50-Year Lawyers at the Bar: William R. Keller, John E. Morris III and John E. O’Connor.

Monroe County

Support Staff Luncheon Dishes Out Deals

Hand sanitizer? Highlighter? White-out? These simple possessions proved priceless, making prized personnel privy to gifts galore at this year’s Support Staff Luncheon on May 29. The event held at Pocono Inne Town serves as Monroe County Bar Association’s annual invitation to member firms across the area for an afternoon opportunity to honor the men and women they rely upon each day.

After dining on delectable dishes and desserts, the group of nearly 20 turned to divvied deals including seasonal favorites like coolers and tote bags, with a few gag gifts as well. Packs of paper, clips and pens — referred to as “zonks” — induced wonder as to what was behind the numbered boxes and bags.

“IT’s nice to get out and enjoy such wonderful fun and delicious food,” said first-timer Alma Lebson, joining her coworker Darlene Northern from Newman, Williams, Mishkin, Corveleyan, Wolfe and Fareri PC. The pair gushed over their luck in this year’s office draw.

Feverishly checking his pockets, legal secretary Daniel Martin revealed a notepad, wallet and frown as he looked around the room filled with wide-open handbags, while MCBA’s Ashley Narwid announced each item in the hunt. Never fear, organizers were prepared with parting gifts, words of praise and gratitude to all for jobs well done.

Susan Bonser, administrative assistant to President Judge Margherita Patti Worthington, expressed appreciation for an adventurous afternoon out. “They [MCBA] do a wonderful job,” she concluded.

Northampton County

Members of the Northampton County Bar Association attended the investiture ceremony of one of their own, the Honorable Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., into the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District on Friday, May 22 at the Northampton County Courthouse. More than 450 members and friends attended the courthouse ceremony. A reception, sponsored by the bar association, was held at the Northampton Country Club in Easton.

The NCBA’s Law Day event included a new program on federal law. The students heard from a federal judge, a federal prosecutor and an FBI agent. The students really enjoyed the new program, particularly the tools of the trade presented by the FBI agent.

York County

The Bar Stools Return

The Bar Stools presented its 10th production entitled, “Law Misérables.” The show ran April 16-18 and raised more than $30,000. “Law Misérables” was a hilarious musical spoof written, produced and directed by Attorney Tom O’Shea. The students heard from a federal judge, a federal prosecutor and an FBI agent. The students really enjoyed the new program, particularly the tools of the trade presented by the FBI agent.

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the very people and places that employed them in Washington, D.C.

Sixteen years ago, the Bar Stools’ first production, “Behind Courthouse Doors,” brought down the house at the York Little Theatre (YLT). Since then, the group’s talents have delighted audiences and raised more than $100,000 to benefit the YLT and support the charitable work of the York County Bar Foundation (YCBF) in the community. YCBF programs provide legal services to the poor and help people move from the criminal justice system to independence, saving lives and community dollars.

The York County Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the York County Bar Association, is York’s primary private funder of programs that provide access to justice to the most vulnerable in their time of greatest need. The Foundation considers this its unique ethical obligation and carefully stewards the hundreds of thousands of dollars members donate each year in funding and pro bono service. In 2014, the organization provided more than $260,000 in funding for justice initiatives, and bar attorneys volunteered more than $300,000 in legal services.

Law Day Celebration

Law Day 2015, with the theme, “Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law” commemorating the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta, was celebrated in York County on May 5 at a luncheon held at the Yorktowne Hotel. Nearly 130 attended the event, which included featured speaker Dr. Jennifer Paxton, assistant clinical professor of history and assistant director of the University Honors Program at the Catholic University of America; the presentation of the Liberty Bell Award; announcement of the winners of the essay and bumper sticker contest; and presentation of awards to the Mock Trial first and second place teams. The luncheon and programs were organized by a committee of the York County Bar Foundation, co-chaired by attorneys Jennifer A. Galloway and Devon M. Myers.

Presidents Breakfast

Current and past presidents of the York County Bar Association and its charitable arm, the Bar Foundation, gathered for the organization’s annual Presidents Breakfast on May 26. Approximately 35 attendees were present for an update on the current state of the organization and the balance it is striking between honoring the past and growing into the future. Bar leadership sought to benefit from past experience and gather information about what is working well in the bar and where there is room for improvement. The YCBA/F believes this ongoing dialogue will help to forge a future that builds on its strengths while honoring the significant contributions of prior leaders.
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