What an exciting year this is! It’s Leap Year. It’s 2020, the start of a new decade. When I first started thinking about my year as CCBL president, I thought, “How cool would it be to play on the 2020 year and build a conference theme around 20/20 vision!!?” Just think of all the leadership lessons we could build using that — the value of hindsight, a blurred vision that becomes laser-focused — I’m sure you get the picture and see the possibilities (pun intended). But as I dug deeper and talked with local bar leaders, several themes kept coming up in conversations, issues that county bars, their leaders and members are concerned about. I realized they aren’t fundamentally new; when you look back to 1920, our country was grappling with many of the same issues … immigration, equal rights, prohibition, economics, racial inequality, technological advances, meeting the needs of rural towns and big cities, uncertainty in the world, and more. Yet, in spite of these big challenges to life as our ancestors knew it, the 1920s were also a time of opportunity and innovation. There is a reason we know that decade as the Roaring 20s! Just think about all the music and entertainment that came out of this decade alone!

So, take a leap and join us this Feb. 27 – 29, 2020, at the Hotel Hershey for the Conference of County Bar Leaders. Engage with your leader colleagues, who typically represent 34 or more of Pennsylvania’s county bars. Share your experiences, concerns, challenges and strategies and learn from each other about how to ensure your bar thrives and grows.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Lewis Losoncy, is sure to inspire and entertain you. Attend and learn from experienced presenters in more than 15 scheduled meetings and CLE sessions covering topics such as handling member misconduct; preparing for your year as president; diversity and suffrage in 1920 and 2020; protecting your bar association and firm from hacking; running efficient and meaningful meetings; engaging future members, the legal process; avoiding legal malpractice; interacting with the media; enhancing resiliency for good mental health; a roundtable for a healthy exchange of ideas with bar leaders and executives … and more! We are confident you will leave the conference with concrete ideas you can take back and share with others on your leadership teams and begin to implement in your counties to continue delivering high quality programs and benefits to your members, attract and engage new members, and strengthen your role in the legal and judicial systems in your local communities.

Bring your 1920s attire and attend our speakeasy Friday night – with great music and more conversation with your colleagues in a fun atmosphere! And, since it’s a speakeasy, you’ll need the secret code phrase for admission: CCBL Rocks!
The Hotel Hershey Reservations
The PBA has reserved a block of guest rooms at The Hotel Hershey over the conference dates. Reservations can be made directly with the hotel by calling 855-729-3108 and asking for the room block for PA Bar Association/Conference of County Bar Leaders or by using the online reservation link. Rates are $152 per room per night for single or double occupancy. Rates are subject to state and local taxes, currently 11%. Please note that your first night's room and tax will be charged to your credit card when reservations are made. Guest room reservations deadline is Jan. 27, 2020. After this cut-off date, rooms and/or group rate may no longer be available. Check-in time is after 4 p.m.; check-out time is before 12 p.m.

CCBL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. PBA Supermarket and Vendor Fair
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. “Prohibition” of Members’ Misconduct
What can, and should, bar associations do when members engage in misconduct at bar-sponsored events or in their personal lives? Bar associations are increasingly receiving complaints of sexual harassment or other unacceptable behavior and sometimes face tough decisions related to criminal conduct by their members. Join us in a panel discussion of strategies bar associations are implementing to address member misconduct, including amending the association’s bylaws, responding to negative media attention and handling liability issues of the association. This discussion will explore proactive and reactive measures to identify best practices and learn from each other. 1.0 substantive CLE credit

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives - PABE Meeting
This meeting is open to all attendees of CCBL so that county bar leaders can learn more about two programs that are of benefit to county bar associations and their members: Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security and IOLTA grant funding opportunities. No CLE

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network PLAN Reception
This year’s PLAN reception will be held at the Antique Auto Museum.

9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Welcome Social

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. PBA Supermarket and Vendor Fair
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. Roar into the 20s
Drive change as you embark on a journey through your own roaring 20s. Be inspired to motivate strong, talented members of your bar association and unleash your potential with the inspiring words of speaker, Dr. Lewis Losconcy. You will be entertained and empowered to lead with purpose and passion. 1.0 substantive CLE credit
9:50 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.  
**Are You Ready for Your Year as Bar President?**
Past bar association presidents and seasoned executive directors representing small, medium and large bar associations will share valuable advice based on their years of experience in bar association leadership. Topics such as work/life balance, maintaining your practice and representing clients, managing relationships with the bar exec and staff, board governance and effective media relations will be addressed to help your year as president be a roaring success.  
*1.0 substantive CLE credit*

9:50 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.  
**Diversity and Suffrage in 1920 and 2020**
The 1920s was an era of marked nativism. The decade brought the passage of strict immigration laws, an upsurge in anti-Catholic sentiment, the entrenchment of Jim Crow laws, the establishment of the border patrol to limit Mexican immigration and anti-Japanese agitation. However, the 1920s also gave rise to the beginning efforts to embrace America's cultural diversity, the Harlem renaissance and the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. This panel will explore the progress that has been made in these areas and identify strategies bar association leaders can implement to celebrate diversity and promote inclusion.  
*1.0 substantive CLE credit*

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
**Technology: It'll Make Life So Much Easier, They Said. LOL**
Scalability, security, the cloud, communication, to tweet or not to tweet, operational processes, cyberattacks, ransomware, bitcoin, billion-dollar legal service requests from a foreign prince, always on/always connected, ICYMI, which password did I use for this app, can we be friends, are you LinkedIn … How do you effectively plan and budget for technology? What are your responsibilities and obligations? Should you get cyber insurance? Can your budget handle a technology crisis? Is your data safe and secure? Could a disgruntled worker wreak havoc on your system? These topics and many more will be covered to address your concerns as bar leaders and to also help prepare your members and raise their awareness of the tech issues encountered by all of us in daily 2020 life, but also those issues unique to lawyers and their clients.  
*1.0 substantive CLE credit*

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
**Keeping Your Bar Association Relevant ... 2020 and Beyond**
Did you know that more than one-in-three American labor force participants (35%) are Millennials, making them the largest generation in the U.S. labor force? Generation Xers account for a third of the labor force, well ahead of the Baby Boomers, who represent a quarter of the total. (Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data) So, how do you remain relevant and ensure the future of your bar association? How do meet the diverse needs, ideas and demands of members from all three generations? How can bar associations continue to serve as one of the key facilitators in the exchange of information and experience between seasoned lawyer members and young lawyers in the areas of substantive law, ethics, rules of professional conduct, professionalism, practice and procedure and more that are so critical to ensuring the proper functioning of our legal and judicial system? This session will address the changing role and trends of associations, how to engage members using various communication strategies, networking and business connections that capitalize on the strengths of members from each of the generations and what infrastructure and staffing changes are required for your association to continue to thrive beyond 2020.  
*1.0 substantive CLE credit*

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **YLD Business Meeting**

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
**Luncheon and Awards Presentation**

1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  
**Break for Award Photos**
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  **Don't Get Caught Behind the Eight Ball: Governance and Running an Effective Meeting**

Lawyers are often recruited and encouraged to join various boards at the local, state and national levels — serving bar associations as well as civic and community nonprofit organizations. Serving on committees and boards brings many personal and professional rewards. It is a great way to develop your leadership skills, expand your network and provide a service to your community. But, effective and rewarding board service requires specific skills that don't automatically come with earning a law degree. So don't get yourself in a difficult position behind the eight ball. Learn the skills that will help you run an efficient and productive meeting; recognize when your board or committee starts to go off-task and techniques you can use to refocus them; gain insights into the challenges that attorney board members can encounter; and much more.  

*1.0 substantive CLE credit*

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  **The Real Deal**

County bars play a crucial role in advancing the legislative agenda of lawyer issues in Pennsylvania. Learn about grassroots efforts, lobbying and how your bar can be more effective in the legislative process.  

*1.0 substantive CLE credit*

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  **Made it Ma, Top of the World: You’re Standing on Top of an Oil Refinery and They’re Shooting at You – Tips to Keep from Blowing Up**

Whether you've been practicing for 45 years or five years, you feel invincible because to succeed you need to be confident. A successful lawyer is so good, so experienced, so terrific, so busy, so well-liked, so knowledgeable, so above-it-all, that nothing bad could ever happen, right? You won't ever get sued, right? Those feelings of invincibility can be a problem. We've got 13 lawyers who think they know it all and there's something to learn from each of them. Let's discuss 13 (or maybe more) ways things can go wrong and ways to help prevent them from happening. Those who attend this program will be entitled to receive a discount on their PBA-endorsed malpractice insurance with CNA.  

*1.0 ethics CLE credit*

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  **When Someone Drops a Dime: A Primer for Bar Association Leadership Interaction with the Media**

Dealing effectively with print, digital and television media can be difficult for bar association leadership, especially when a crisis develops or a scandal envelops the local legal community. This seminar will help bar association officers and executive directors hone their skills in crafting communications, interacting with reporters and delivering concise and accurate messages to the media. The session will include real life examples of bar associations’ experiences with the media as well as vignettes illustrating effective communication styles and techniques.  

*1.0 substantive CLE credit*

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  **Enhancing Resilience: A Hotsy-Totsy Guide to Making Your Legal Career the Bee’s Knees**

This program will give you 10 specific strategies you can immediately put into place to become more resilient and build or sustain resiliency in your practice. What does resiliency look like, and what are the qualities, beliefs and behaviors of those who successfully incorporate it into their lives? In which specific aspects of legal practice is the need for resiliency the most predictable and crucial, and why is resiliency critical to a successful and effective career? Share these strategies with your leadership team and county bar members to help everyone thrive in today’s hustle and bustle.  

*1.0 ethics CLE credit*

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  **Hot Topics and Cold Drinks**

One of the hot topics you will not want to miss: courthouse service dogs. They are all the rage ... but how do you get one in your county, where do you go for help for funding? This session will answer many other FAQs county bars will encounter as they are tapped to play a role in the implementation of this research-based benefit being utilized in more county courthouses and justice system programs. The 2019-20 Bar Leadership Institute class is facilitating this HOT TOPIC conversation and information exchange.  

*No CLE credit*

6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  **1920’s Speakeasy: Get Your Glad Rags On** … for dinner, great music, dancing, casino games and the ever-popular photo booth.
SATURDAY, FEB. 29

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Hot Breakfast Buffet

8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  CCBL Business Meeting and Passing of Gavel

It’s Leap Year! (You are ready to kick-off the agenda for your bar association’s next decade.) But, Before You Hit the Road ...

Saturday morning’s session is the ultimate culmination to over 20 hours of conversations and ideas all designed to elevate your bar associations, the legal profession, and you as the people who are leading the way for bar associations of the future. You will leave today with a minimum of five strategies or ideas that you can immediately begin to implement in your local bar association with the help of your bar exec and leadership team. Some ideas will help develop your leadership skills so that you are better prepared to lead your members and your boards. Some will give you insight into your members and what they really want from a bar association. Perhaps you will identify a small change that you can institute in your events that will yield significant results. And what role does the local bar association play in attorney well-being, substance abuse, misconduct and professionalism? This rapid-fire information exchange session covers all of the pressing concerns we share as association leaders, the things that are most important to you and on your minds. It gives you time to summarize and compile the vast information that gets shared and generated during CCBL, prepare your action item to-do list, bounce ideas off of other great bar leaders, and then get on the road feeling very accomplished and positive about your investment of time and energy at 2020 CCBL. Be part of the renaissance for bar associations.

1.5 substantive CLE credit

The Pennsylvania Bar Institute is approved by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Continuing Legal Education Board as an accredited CLE provider. The PBA 2020 Conference of County Bar Leaders has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for up to 7.5 hours of CLE credits, including 2 ethics credits.

Membership and Marketing

Is there any bar association that doesn’t have “membership and marketing” as a priority issue? It’s always on your radar as you look for new ideas that ACTUALLY WORK! Well, if you are looking for help, we hope a new addition to The County Line will be of value to you. If you don’t need help and have all the answers, we hope you will share your experience and expertise through this new County Line feature! We are looking for questions, areas of concern, etc. that are important to you as a bar leader and you want to throw out to the group. (We feel your pain.) We are also looking for solutions and success stories related to marketing, promoting your bar, membership recruitment, member engagement — of young members, senior members and everyone in between. You may have shared some of these ideas through the Local Scene feature of County Line, but now we will collect them in a Membership and Marketing section. Contributions can be an article or short write-ups of things you have tried, useful tips, events (with photos, if you have them). Don’t be afraid to share what seemed like a great idea but did not meet your expectations and any lessons learned on why it didn’t work for your county or your members, what you would do differently, etc. We are all here to learn from each other, be supportive and encouraging and help bar associations continue to flourish and be relevant to the legal profession, the judicial system, our members and the communities we serve. Please send your contributions to Gabriele.MillerWagner@pabar.org by March 10, 2020 so we can launch this feature in the next issue of The County Line, Spring 2020.
Nominations Due Jan. 10 for Birdsall, Flaherty and Nurick Awards

The PBA Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) is seeking nominations for the Arthur J. Birdsall, Chief Justice John P. Flaherty and Gilbert Nurick awards. The awards will be presented during the 54th annual meeting of the CCBL, Feb. 27 – 29, 2020, at The Hotel Hershey.

• The Arthur J. Birdsall Award recognizes a bar executive who has been a faithful steward of bar traditions, is committed to the success of his or her bar association, has enhanced significantly the stature of his or her bar association, cooperates with other bar executives and bar leaders to make CCBL the best it can be, and puts him or herself second to the needs of the bar association. The award is named in honor of Arthur J. Birdsall, a past PBA county bar services director who retired in 2006 after nearly 40 years of support to local bar associations.

• The Chief Justice John P. Flaherty Award is presented in recognition of the Chief Justice’s efforts to encourage the work of the PBA and the CCBL. The award is given to a qualified PBA member to recognize an outstanding effort to promote the objectives and purposes of the CCBL and to improve the legal profession, the justice system or the community.

• The Gilbert Nurick Award, which is named for the late Harrisburg lawyer who served as PBA president in 1967, is presented to any member of the PBA whose dedication and service to leadership and promotion of the local and state organized bar and its activities have resulted in the enhancement of leadership for incoming bar association officers. The award is not given solely because the recipient has held and discharged with fidelity a high office or a variety of offices in the association.

A candidate may be nominated for more than one award. Those making nominations are reminded to review the award descriptions carefully to determine whether their candidate(s) meet the criteria. Nominations for the awards are due Jan. 10, 2020.

For more information and for online nomination forms, visit the County Bar Services area of the PBA website at https://www.pabar.org/site/For-the-Public/CCBL or contact Gabriele Miller-Wagner at 800-932-0311, ext. 2240.

County Bar Recognition Award Entries Due Jan. 10

The 2020 Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) will feature presentation of the annual PBA County Bar Recognition Awards, which recognize outstanding projects and activities conducted by county bar associations during the previous calendar year. These awards are designed to recognize projects of each county bar association that in some way contributed to the improvement of the legal profession, the justice system or the community. The project must have been undertaken during 2019, although it may have begun previously or is to be continued in 2020 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 complete the entry form by Jan. 10, 2020. Along with the entry form, please feel free to submit any support material that you believe is relevant to the project, including brochures, programs, or other printed matter. Supporting materials may be directed to Susan E. Etter, PBA Director of County Bar Services, Education & Special Projects, 100 South Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

Please consider submitting an entry (or up to three) on behalf of your local county bar association so that we may give your efforts appropriate recognition in your community and to your colleagues across the commonwealth.

Seeking CCBL Executive Committee Member Applicants

Each year, one member of the executive committee of the Conference of County Bar Leaders fulfills his or her term of office and is replaced by selection. Nominations are sought for candidates whose qualifications must include being a president or past president of a county bar association. The new executive committee member will serve up to an eight-year term on the committee. Letters of nomination or applications requesting consideration for selection, along with a current resume, should be sent by Jan. 10, 2020, via e-mail attachment to susan.etter@pabar.org or mail to Susan Etter, PBA Director of County Bar Services, Education & Special Projects, at 100 South Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.
2020 Louis J. Goffman Awards for Outstanding Pro Bono Service

Nominate a worthy individual, law firm or organization from your county!

The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation is seeking nominations for the Louis J. Goffman Award. This award recognizes an individual or organization whose commitments to pro bono have enhanced the delivery of legal services to Pennsylvania’s poor and disadvantaged. Since 1989, the Louis J. Goffman Award has recognized and rewarded people and organizations whose donations of time, talent and expertise serve as a model to be emulated by other legal professionals and organizations. The 2020 Louis J. Goffman Awards will be presented during the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Annual Meeting, May 6-8, 2020 at the Philadelphia 201 Hotel. Each recipient is presented with a commemorative plaque and a monetary contribution. This includes large and small firms, corporate law departments, government attorney offices, county bar associations, law schools and other legal services entities whose members, either collectively or individually, have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the following categories:

• Dedication to the development and delivery of legal services to the poor through a pro bono program
• Significant work towards the development of innovative approaches to the delivery of volunteer legal services
• Active participation in a program/project that satisfied a previously unmet or underserved legal need of a particular group of Pennsylvanians
• Successful litigation of a pro bono case that enhanced the delivery of other services to the poor
• Successful pursuit of legislation that significantly enhanced the provision of legal services to the poor

Consideration will also be given to the length and intensity of service and the effort in context to the size of the organization.

Nomination deadline is April 15. For a nomination form and more information, go to https://www.pabar.org/site/Foundation/What-We-Do/Louis-J-Goffman-Awards.

Joint Admission Ceremony of Pennsylvania’s Federal District Courts

A special joint session of the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the Western District of Pennsylvania was held on Sept. 13, 2019 at the U.S. Courthouse in Allentown. The joint session was convened for the purpose of conducting attorney admissions to all three of Pennsylvania’s federal district courts.

Presiding in behalf of the Eastern District was U.S. District Judge Joseph F. Leeson Jr. of Allentown, presiding in behalf of the Middle District was U.S. District Judge Malachy E. Mannion of Scranton, and presiding in behalf of the Western District was U.S. District Judge Mark A. Kearney of Philadelphia, who also serves by special designation of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit as a judge of the Western District. Also participating was U.S. Magistrate Judge Henry S. Perkin of Allentown.

It is believed that this may be a first in Pennsylvania federal judicial history involving a joint session of all three of Pennsylvania’s federal courts. A total of 313 attorneys were admitted: 50 to the Eastern District, 128 to the Middle District and 135 to the Western District. Many applicants applied for admission to multiple courts. A total of 230 applicants, sponsors, friends and guests attended the joint session.

Each of the judges offered welcoming remarks to the attendees. Judge Leeson expressed special thanks to the Montgomery County Bar Association and Attorneys Cary L. Flitter and Jody Lopez-Jacobs of the Law Firm of Flitter Milz and Attorney Gregory S. Voshell of the Law Firm of Elliott Greenleaf, who helped to plan and organize the joint admission ceremony.

Volunteers Needed for State High School Mock Trial Competition

High school teams from across the state are gearing up to compete in the 2020 PBA Young Lawyers Division Mock Trial Championship being held March 27-28, 2020. Volunteer jurors are needed for the weekend, as well as the local trials in your county from January through March. For more information about volunteering, contact YLD Coordinator Maria Engles at maria.engles@pabar.org.

Get more information on the competition schedule, participating schools and hypothetical case.
Chester

Chester County Bar Foundation Gives Back

The Chester County Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Chester County Bar Association, awarded over $120,000 in grants to local nonprofit organizations at its annual Appreciation Reception held at Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center on Oct. 30. All grants will help support the foundation’s mission to help Chester County citizens understand, gain access to and benefit from our legal system by providing support for programs and services related to the law.

Chester County Bar Foundation President Mary-Ellen Allen presented grant checks to the following organizations to support community programs including (but not limited to): Chester County Fund for Women & Girls, Gov Chester County Program, Crime Victims Center of Chester County, Direct Services Program, Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, Legal Program Family Service of Chester County, Kids Come First Program, and Friends Association for the Care & Protection of Children.

Erie

The ECBA Welcomes New Executive Director

Julie Kresge had been the director of development and marketing for the Erie Day School since 2011. Her responsibilities include leadership and strategic direction for development, marketing and alumni relations - all in collaboration with the school’s board, Development and Marketing Committee and the faculty and staff. Prior positions include director of the Iroquois School District Foundation, director of public relations for the Iroquois School District and similar positions with Safe Harbor Behavioral Health and the Allegheny Health System.

Julie currently serves on the boards of the Children’s Advocacy Center and the Girl Scouts of Western PA. She is a past board member for The Nonprofit Partnership of Erie.

ECBA Members Recognized at Annual Meeting

The ECBA held its annual meeting on Dec. 4 at Lake Shore Country Club in Erie.

Several ECBA members were honored for outstanding achievements. Mark Pavkov was named the 2019 PBA Pro Bono Award Recipient for Erie County. Ed Goebel, Terry Jones, Ed McEllroy and Dennis Sterrett were each presented an award for being 50-year members of the ECBA. Craig A. Markham was named the 2019 President’s Award Winner. This award, given at President Bradley K. Enterline’s discretion, recognizes an ECBA member whose work on behalf of the association during the past year has been exempla-
Franklin

Franklin County Bar Association Admits Eight New Members at Admission Ceremony

The Franklin County Bar Association is pleased to announce a total of eight new attorneys joined its membership. Seven attorneys were admitted at the Annual Admission Ceremony held Friday, Dec. 6, 2019, and an additional attorney was admitted at a separate ceremony held on Dec. 9, 2019.

The new members admitted were Paul D. Edger of MidPenn Legal Services; Nathan L. Boob, Jaime M. Keating, William F. McGinnis, Paul C. Primrose and Steven M. Sess of the Franklin County District Attorney’s Office; Molly S. Yingling of Salzmann Hughes PC; and Robert L. Kranz of the Franklin County Public Defender’s Office.

The ceremony, held in historic Courtroom One of the Franklin County Courthouse, included words of advice to the new admittees from the Judge Carol L. Van Horn, PBA President Anne N. John, Franklin County Bar Association President Kristen B. Hamilton and Young Lawyers Division Chair Victoria Beard. President Judge Van Horn spoke to the new attorneys about becoming involved in the Franklin County Bar Association and the community.

Kristen Hamilton said, “The formal ceremony admitting new members to the Franklin County Bar Association is a time of great excitement; seeing new faces become members and hopefully reenergizing those attorneys previously admitted, who are present for the admission ceremony. The registry of attorneys is as old as the FCBA itself, this year celebrating our 120th year. The commitment to our community, the practice of law and the overall betterment of our profession is deeply-rooted within those pages by and through the attorneys who have signed and served as members. It is always our hope all new admittees take the opportunity to continue in this tradition of service. It has been a privilege to serve as the president of the FCBA and I cannot wait to see what this year’s class brings to the table.”

Victoria Beard, chair of the Young Lawyers Division (YLD) said, “The Franklin County Young Lawyers Division is comprised of lawyers who have been admitted to the practice of law for five years or less or who are 40 years old or younger and are members of the Franklin County Bar Association. The YLD is a professional organization with a mind to civic engagement, and we encourage those who are eligible to come and participate. Without new attorneys, the traditions of the past cannot be honored.” She additionally encouraged those in attendance to continually strive to keep the profession honorable and to foster civility.

The Franklin County Bar Association is a membership organization dedicated to pursuing the administration of justice for all persons and upholding the integrity of the profession. The association offers numerous programs for its members and the community at large.

For more information, please contact director Amelia Ambrose at 717-267-2032 or director@franklinbar.org.

Lehigh

8th Annual Raise a Glass for Justice Reception to Support Legal Aid

Legal aid supporters and event founders joined together on Nov. 21, 2019 to celebrate the 8th Annual Raise A Glass for Justice Reception, which has netted more than $100,000 of direct support for North Penn Legal Aid in the Lehigh Valley since it was first organized by Alison Wasserman, Lauren Sorrentino and Jill Kelly McComsey as their service project during the 2011-2012 PBA Bar Leadership Institute. Under the ongoing leadership of Jill Kelly McComsey and in coordination with North Penn Legal Services, the event has become institutionalized as an annual affair of music, networking and support for those in need.
On the Local Scene...

Pictured are Elizabeth Burton-Nanovic, pro bono volunteer; founder Alison Wasserman; Nancy Conrad, PBA Woman Governor; North Penn Executive Director Lori Molloy, founder Lauren Sorrentino; founder Jill Kelly McComsey; Connie Nelson, president, North Penn Legal Services board of directors; and David Trevaskis, PBA pro bono coordinator.

Luzerne

Judge Thomas I. Vanaskie Honored

Zone 5 of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, together with the Federal Bar Association’s Middle District Chapter and the Middle District Northeastern Tier counties of Luzerne, Monroe and Schuylkill, celebrated the retirement of the Honorable Thomas I. Vanaskie from the Bench of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Judge Vanaskie, prior to being appointed to this position, served for many years as a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania in the District’s Northeastern Tier with chambers at The William J. Nealon Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in Scranton. At a cocktail reception held at Mohegan Sun Pocono in the judge’s honor, the associations presented Judge Vanaskie with a special shadow box award containing all of their logos and a good wishes ceremonial gavel for a “long, healthy and happy retirement!”

PBA President Elect Attends Summer Outing

PBA President-elect David E. Schwager, along with PBA Zone 5 Governor James P. Valentine and PBA Past President Francis X. O’Connor attended the July Summer Outing & Charity Golf Tournament of the Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association/the bar association held at the Fox Hill County Club. The tournament portion of the outing raises money for the association’s charitable foundation, which in turn makes donation grants to registered 501(c)(3) charities in the area. Since its creation in 2003, the foundation has raised and donated more than $250,000 to local area charities.

This year’s outing was attended by an array of past presidents of the association. To commemorate this gathering, a photograph was taken of the past presidents with the current bar officers and the special guests from the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Lycoming

Lycoming Law Association 150th Anniversary Celebration

As part of the LLA’s 150th Anniversary celebrations, a group of LLA members went to Washington, D.C. for admission to the U.S. Supreme Court. On Nov. 18, 2019, seven LLA members were admitted upon motion by District Judge Christian Frey. Eight out of the nine Justices appeared on the bench for the admission ceremony. Chief Justice John Roberts honored the LLA’s Anniversary by attending a private meeting with the members of the LLA and their guests after the ceremony.
On the Local Scene...


Law Association Cited for its 150 Years of Service in Lycoming County

The Lycoming Law Association’s 150th birthday has been recognized this year by the City of Williamsport and by the Pennsylvania Senate. During a ceremony that took place on Dec. 5, 2019, the County of Lycoming presented a citation to the association recognizing its longevity.

The presentation occurred as a part of the annual attorney admission event, before an en banc session of the Court of Common Pleas. County Commissioner Mussare made the presentation to association President Christian Frey. All previous presidents of the association who were present at the event were invited to stand with President Frey during the presentation.

Commissioner Mussare commented not only on the history of the association, but also of its current vitality and the community service to its members and related organizations, such as the Lycoming Reporter and the Lycoming Law Association Foundation.

Northampton

8th Annual Raise a Glass for Justice Reception

White and Williams counsel George Morrison, Northampton County Bar Association Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson, North Penn Legal Services Executive Director Lori Molloy and PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Trevaskis celebrate legal aid at the 8th Annual Raise a Glass for Justice Reception in Bethlehem on Nov. 21, 2019. The net proceeds from this event benefited North Penn Legal Services — the only legal aid organization in the Lehigh Valley dedicated to providing free civil legal help to low-income people.

Washington

30th Anniversary of the Washington County Bar Foundation

On Dec. 8, 2019, a dinner was held at the home of Washington County Bar Association President Frank C. Roney Jr., and his wife, Virginia, to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Washington County Bar Foundation. A total of 40 attendees paid $75 each to enjoy a home-cooked Italian feast prepared by the couple and their family and friends. Due the generosity of the Rones, 100% of the proceeds ($3,150 to date, including donations) will support the Washington County Bar Foundation. The idea was “cooked up” (pardon the pun) as a special fundraising event for the bar foundation’s anniversary.
Westmoreland

Taking Her Leave

After 31 years as the heart and soul of the Westmoreland Bar Association, Diane Krivoniak has decided it’s time to get all the lawyers out of her life and move on to other things, including enjoying a sort-of retirement with her husband, Dan. She is “looking forward to new and different challenges.”

When Diane was hired in 1989 as the WBA executive director, our association was new to this level of organization and, until 199 when it purchased its first building, she worked in the WBA offices in the courthouse next to the sheriff’s offices.

Diane will be missed by everyone who has had the pleasure to work with her on the myriad committees she has shepherded and the tasks that she has overseen.

Welcome Alahna O’Brien!

The Westmoreland Bar Association’s Board of Directors and outgoing Executive Director Diane Krivoniak extend a warm welcome to our incoming Executive Director Alahna O’Brien. O’Brien joined the WBA at the end of October and shared some introductory comments below:

“First and foremost, let me express how honored and excited I am that I was chosen as the next executive director for the Westmoreland Bar Association.

A bit about me professionally: Since my graduation from the University of Pittsburgh, I have had the privilege of working at the Laurel Highlands Council of The Boy Scouts of America. During my tenure with the Boy Scouts, I have had multiple staff positions including most recently, field director. As a field director for Allegheny County, I managed a team of five staff responsible for growing membership, exceeding fundraising goals and expanding our volunteer team. I cannot wait to apply all I have learned to my new position!

In my personal life, I enjoy spending time with my husband, Mike, and our two dogs, Lola and Duke. One of my passions is experiencing the outdoors in any form — camping, biking, gardening, skiing or hiking — anything that gets me outside and enjoying nature. We also treasure our annual vacations and experiencing new locations around the world. If I am not doing one of those things, you can find me working out at home.

I look forward to meeting and working with the members of the Westmoreland Bar Association as we take on the future challenges and opportunities of the WBA together.”

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York County Bar Hosts 3rd Access to Justice Community Summit

The York County Bar Foundation hosted its third York County Access to Justice Community Summit on Oct. 23, 2019, at Wyndham Garden, York. The biennial civil legal aid summit brought together over 130 attendees representing 57 different organizations, including human services agencies, social services, court personnel, elected officials and legislative staffer, to learn about the availability of critical legal services for York County residents.

Representatives of the Community Action for Recovery and Diversion (CARD) Initiative, York County Bar Foundation, MidPenn Legal Services, ACCESS-York, the Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center, the York County Court Self-Help & Law Resource Center and PA 2-1-1 presented overviews of available services.

Judge Craig T. Trebilcock opened the program with an overview of a new initiative, Community Action for Recovery and Diversion (CARD), that has been created by a coalition of stakeholders formed over the past 18 months to coordinate better case outcomes with the justice, medical and treatment communities in York County. Judge Trebilcock is leading the effort, which will focus on the need for early intervention and systemic change to effectively address the underlying causes of criminal behavior.

Following the presentations, attendees engaged in a lengthy question and answer session.

Surveys were provided, and the resulting feedback will be used to identify the barriers to legal services in the community and develop ideas and solutions to close the access to justice gap.

To view the complete civil legal aid summit video, visit: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqmCF1mg9HSdfCYUjbgx5bg/videos

Pennsylvania Bar Foundation Pro Bono Partner Award Presented to Mary Studzinski

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, David K. Traverski, PBA pro bono coordinator, presented Mary Studzinski with the Pro Bono Partner Award.

During Mary Studzinski’s tenure as executive director of the Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (PIRC), she worked...
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tirelessly to grow the organization. From her efforts, PIRC’s revenues nearly tripled from $500,000 to $1.3 million to vastly expand PIRC’s reach.

The Immigrant Survivors Project has grown from serving a nine-county region in south central Pennsylvania to assisting survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking throughout the commonwealth. Thanks to her foresight on growing needs and the opportunity to apply for Victims of Crime Act funding, the project now has an eight-person staff located in three offices: York, Pittsburgh and Allentown. PIRC’s detention work has also thrived under Mary’s leadership. The Legal Orientation Program has expanded to serve the Berks Family Detention Center in addition to the York County Prison.

The York County Bar Association and Foundation are grateful to Mary for her leadership as a community partner and proud to nominate her for this prestigious award.

Judge Craig T. Trebilcock, PIRC Board Chair Caty Houtmans, Esq., Mary Studzinski and David Keller Trevaskis.

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The York County Bar Association and MidPenn Legal Services joined with community partners Crispus Attucks and the York County Economic Alliance to provide information and assistance with driver’s license issues at a Driver’s License Restoration Clinic held on Dec. 4, 2019. This is the first such clinic in York County, where volunteer York County Bar member attorneys offered their services and assisted 23 individuals at the legal clinic session: 12 clients were under 125%; three were between 125-200%; and eight were over 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Several attendees were assisted, and others received guidance or confirmation of information. One person needed to have paperwork completed and sent to PennDOT in order to get the license restored. Another needed to pay a fine and the restoration fee in order to get the license back. One attendee might be able to get 10 years off his suspension if he handles the outstanding traffic citations in Philadelphia.

Another clinic focusing on driver’s license restoration is being planned for 2020. Attorneys will again be available to review PennDOT restoration requirements letters and advise as to next steps.

Thank you to the volunteer attorneys: Ed Spreha of the Law Offices of Wagner and Spreha; Carrie Bowmaster, MidPenn Legal Services; Kim Kipnis and John Porter, Griffith, Lerman, Lutz & Scheib; Jeff Marshall and Suzanne Smith, Marshall & Smith PC; Kimberly Meyer and Seth Eric Springer, The Law Office of Seth Eric Springer, Esq. LLC; and Diana Spurlin with the York County Office of the Public Defender.

2019 York vs. Lancaster “War of the Roses”

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The 2019 York vs. Lancaster “War of the Roses” charity softball game was held in York on Sept. 21 at PeoplesBank Park. Over 200 people came out to cheer on the teams as the Lancaster Lions and Batting Barristers of York vied for the cup. The final score was 24-19 Lancaster Bar Association Lions over the YCBA Batting Barristers! A great time had by all for good three great causes: the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, Lancaster Bar Foundation and York County Bar Foundation!! #winwinwin

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