Legislative Update

Senate Bill 844 (White), a PBA priority and initiative, was reported unanimously from the House Judiciary Committee and received first consideration on March 13, 2018. SB 844 establishes criteria for third party standing in custody matters where no parents have any form of care and control of a child. The bill also amends a partial physical custody standing provision for grandparents. Following negotiations between the PBA and other stakeholders, SB 844 was amended in committee to correct drafting errors and to provide clarification.

Senate Bill 827 (Killion), the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access To Digital Assets Act, provides individuals with the power to plan for the management and disposition of their digital assets in the same way they can make plans for their tangible property: by providing instructions in a will, trust, or power of attorney. PBA successfully secured significant amendments allowing for efficient discovery of assets. SB 827 unanimously passed the Senate on January 22, 2018 and has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

House Bill 1419 (Delozier), known as “Clean Slate” legislation, amends Title 18 relating to the sealing of low-level, nonviolent criminal history records. HB 1419 was unanimously reported from House Judiciary Committee on March 13, 2018.