The recent removal of the Christopher Columbus statue from Marconi Park in Philadelphia has helped to spur the movements to end the use of Native American mascots and images from local and national sports teams. While the Washington DC NFL team decision to end the use of its “Redskin” image has received the most attention, locally, Coatesville High School (Chester County), Neshaminy High School (Bucks County), and Archbishop Ryan High School (Philadelphia) are also facing local challenges to their continued use of stereotypical Native American mascots and images for their sports teams and promotions. The Radnor Township (Delaware County) and Unionville (Chester County) School Districts recently voted to remove the offensive images and names. While the white majority appropriation of Native cultures and images has continued for hundreds of years, the education about Native peoples and their tribes has been largely absent from the school districts in Pennsylvania. Traditional history has taught us that William Penn purchased the Philadelphia lands from the Lenapes and that everyone lived in peace. History did not tell us why or how the Lenapes (aka Delawares) disappeared from existence after having occupied Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey along the Delaware River for thousands of years before William Penn came to North America.

By 1737, William Penn’s adult sons, burdened by crushing debts, began selling off lands to new colonists for which they, nor their father, never paid the Lenapes. When the Lenapes questioned the appearance of new colonial settlements on their land, the Penns and Provincial Secretary James Logan pointed to an alleged agreement of sale that was 50 years old, for which they did not have an original and did not appear in the Provincial archives of real estate purchases. The boundaries of that agreement were based on the distance that a man could walk in a day and a half. Using that agreement, Secretary Logan hired scouts to clear a pathway along the Delaware River. Instead of having ordinary persons walk northwest for a day and a half, he engaged sprinters to run for a day and a half through areas already cleared. Although the Lenapes were to accompany the runners to verify the distance, they dropped out in protest when they realized how Logan intended to cheat them. The runners reached a point as far north as what is now named Jim Thorpe, an irony since Jim Thorpe was a famous Native American football player. This 1737 “Walking Purchase” was the agreement by which the Lenapes were swindled out of some 1.2 million acres of land. Secretary Logan (for which Philadelphia’s Logan Square is named), then had the Lenapes physically expelled from their lands so that the land could be sold to arriving immigrants. The Lenapes were exiled as far west as Kansas and Oklahoma.

In 2008, a University of Pennsylvania undergraduate student undertook a project of curating the Penn Museum’s Lenape Collection. During the course of her work, she connected with descendants of the Lenape Nation who survived Secretary Logan’s mass expulsion of their ancestors. Lenape Nation members remained in the Greater Philadelphia area by keeping silent about their tribal affiliations. One of those descendants, Chief Robert Red Hawk Ruth, participated in the curating of the Lenape exhibit. Today, the exhibit is now in the Lenape Nation Cultural Center at the Bachmann Publick House in Easton, Pennsylvania. The Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania is a 501 (c)(3) organization but is not an officially recognized tribe of Pennsylvania. As more Pennsylvanians become aware of the Walking Purchase of 1737, further steps can be taken to have the Lenape Nation recognized.

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In January 2019, Judge Kim Berkeley Clark became the first African-American to be named president judge in Allegheny County. Her tenure as president judge has been full of challenges that she has addressed head-on, both pragmatically and graciously. In the first 18 months of her tenure as president judge, she had to address how her county courts, including all magisterial district courts, were going to operate amidst the pandemic to ensure that all court matters were timely addressed and handled safely. She also had to address the controversial comments made by Judge Mark Tranquilli, whom she placed on administrative duty in February 2020 after allegations that he made racist comments against a black juror. On Aug. 12, 2020, the Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board filed formal charges against Tranquilli and recommended his suspension based upon the allegations of misconduct.

President Judge Clark's professional steadiness is rooted in having a strong relationship with her family and community. For her, family history is important. In fact, it is what led her to become an attorney. Her paternal grandfather, who was born a free man in 1856 in Virginia, was one of the earliest African American attorneys in the Tidewater region of Virginia. He attended what is now known as Hampton University and was a classmate of Booker T. Washington. Growing up in Pittsburgh, President Judge Clark heard aunts, uncles and her parents talk about the inequalities that existed at the time and about the protests in the south. She also saw them serving in active roles within their community. She also remembers witnessing Jim Crowe customs and segregation in her own community. For example, black people were not allowed at the Kennywood Park pool. All those experiences led her to pursue a career in law. She earned her undergraduate degree from Tennessee State University and her law degree from Duquesne University School of Law. Although she never saw herself as a litigator, upon graduating from law school in 1983, she was offered a position as a prosecutor at the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. Back then, there were not many African American prosecutors or minorities – especially female – but President Judge Clark knew the importance of having diversity in the District Attorney's Office and having the community, victims, defendants, and witnesses see that diversity. She spent 16 years in the District Attorney's Office prosecuting more than 150 jury trials, including cases involving homicide, sexual assault, and child abuse. She left the District Attorney's Office to run for judge, and in March 1999 was appointed to the court by then Gov. Tom Ridge. A few months later, she was elected to her first 10-year judicial term. She was retained in 2009 and once again in 2019.

While her family history led her to become an attorney, her mentors also had a great influence in her career. President Judge Clark remembers with fondness her natural mentors from her community and family such as Judges Livingstone Johnson and Justin Johnson and the importance of seeking advice from mentors who have been there. She also recalls the importance of having mentors who are different from you or do not look like you. Her advice to young attorneys is to find mentors. “Call someone who might be able to help you. Create those opportunities for yourselves.”

Equally as important, especially after the death of George Floyd, is to educate people; explain to people who may have never experienced racism or bias why minority communities often times distrust the police; why someone who may be innocent may run away from police; or why minorities are losing trust in the criminal justice system. It is also critical that we ask people to speak up if they observe racist behavior or comments. By speaking up and by educating people, President Judge Clark hopes that there can be better understanding of the issues facing minority communities and a real change can take place.

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The year 2020 is one that we will all remember not only for the difficulties of living during a pandemic, but more importantly, due to the series of high-profile police killings that we have recently witnessed. The latest series of high-profile police killings have led to a public outcry via peaceful protests, marches, town halls and social media advocacy. Millennials continue to express their outrage and hold public officials accountable through the use of social media and hashtags. These hashtags include both #BlackLivesMatter and #SayHerName. These hashtags were created to voice awareness surrounding the issue of racially motivated police misconduct cases. They cover a plethora of police misconduct cases dating from 2012 through today. The following summary is intended to provide a brief status update on some of the high-profile cases from the past 18 months.

**George Floyd – May 25, 2020**

“I can’t breathe ... I can’t breathe!” These were the last words of George Floyd. On May 25, 2020, Floyd was murdered by Officer Derek Chauvin in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Prior to the murder of Floyd, it was reported that he had purchased cigarettes from a neighborhood store using suspected counterfeit money. In response, the store called 911 and informed the police of their belief that Floyd had made a purchase with counterfeit money. Subsequently, the police arrived. Viral video footage showed Floyd being arrested and pinned to the ground by Officer Chauvin. The video footage further shows Chauvin kneeling on Floyd’s neck while he was pinned to the ground. Bodycam and cellphone footage revealed the officer kneeling on Floyd’s neck for approximately eight minutes and 46 seconds, as he repeatedly said, “I can’t breathe.” Cellphone footage also showed Floyd calling out for his mother who had passed away approximately two years before. Unfortunately, Floyd’s cries for help and air went unanswered, and he was subsequently murdered with Chauvin’s knee on his neck. The murder of George Floyd has led to public outrage and rightfully so. Citizens from all 50 states have responded by protesting peacefully and seeking justice. These protests have even expanded to countries worldwide. While we have yet to receive true justice in this case, on June 3, 2020, Officer Chauvin was charged with second-degree murder. On Aug. 29, 2020, Chauvin’s attorney requested the judge to dismiss the murder charges against his client, arguing no probable cause to support the charges. This is probably the most high-profile case of 2020 simply because of the extensive footage and media coverage. It is one that we will continue to follow.

**Breonna Taylor – March 13, 2020**

On March 13, 2020, Breonna Taylor was fatally shot by the Louisville Police Department in her own apartment. The police department executed a no-knock search warrant at Taylor’s home. The department was targeting two other men that they believed were associated with Taylor’s boyfriend. The officers allegedly believed that Taylor’s boyfriend was receiving packages containing drugs from the two men.

When the officers entered, a gunfire exchange occurred between Taylor’s boyfriend, who believed the officers were intruders. The officers opened fired with more than 20 rounds, hitting objects in the living room, dining room, kitchen, both bedrooms, etc. Taylor was shot eight times and pronounced dead at the scene. No drugs were found in the home.

Sadly, the officers who murdered Breonna Taylor have yet to be arrested. Citizens continue to advocate for justice via #BlackLivesMatter and #SayHerName, but justice has yet to say Breonna Taylor’s name. Her story remains relevant as people from all over, including but not limited to musicians, athletes, influencers and politicians continue to call for the arrest of the officers who shot and killed her. Former First Lady Michelle Obama and Democratic Vice President Nominee Kamala Harris have both spoken her name during their Democratic National Convention speeches. Oprah Winfrey featured Breonna Taylor on her magazine. Due to the nationwide daily protest and calls for change by citizens, the city of Louisville

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passed “Breonna’s Law,” banning “no-knock” warrants. However, Breonna is currently the leading #SayHerName case, as we continue to seek justice for a life taken way too soon.

**Jacob Blake – August 23, 2020**

The most recent police shooting involves Jacob Blake. On or about Aug. 23, 2020, Jacob Blake was shot seven times in his back and seriously injured. Reportedly, the Kenosha, Wisconsin, police department was responding to a 911 domestic violence call. When the police arrived to the scene, they attempted to arrest Jacob Blake. Video footage shows Blake walking around his vehicle with his back turned to open his driver’s side door. In response, an officer fired seven shots at Blake’s back. Blake, who survived the fatal shooting, is paralyzed from his waist down. The shooting is under currently investigation. We will provide an update in our next issue.

Arguably, these three shootings have had the most influential impact that we have seen in this decade. Not only are citizens responding to these police brutality cases via social media by using both the #BlackLivesMatter and #SayHerName hashtags, but they have also taken their outrage to the next level. Many have gathered to protest and march peacefully all across the world. Many state and local governments are revisiting their laws and policies regarding police oversight. Professional athletes are dedicating their entire post-game interviews to these shootings and holding out from professional play. Even many businesses, including law firms, have issued statements taking a stance against police brutality.

As the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stated in his 1965 speech: “[o]ur lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” While we are nowhere near where we strive to be, the response to these three police brutality cases shows that we are no longer willing to be silent. Outraged citizens are committed to seeking immediate systematic change to prevent future injustices.

As black men in America, we can both truly say that we are tired. Yet, we will continue to fight for systematic changes. We will continue to seek justice for Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Jacob Blake, and many others. We will continue to have awkward and uncomfortable conversations with our peers in order to educate and edify. In doing so, it is important that we continue to remain aware of these cases and support both the #BlackLivesMatter and #SayHerName movements. Further, we will continue to use our voices, hold public officials accountable, and advocate for change.

#BlackLivesMatter #SayHerName
As the summer draws to a close, the valuable and important work of our Minority Bar Committee (MBC) continues, not by in-person meetings, but by Zoom meetings and conference calls due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, the end of the summer denotes the beginning of our signature events! As always, we have exciting, engaging, and informative events on the horizon.

**Virtual Diversity Summit**

On Oct. 7, 2020, we will host our first major event — the Diversity Summit, which will be virtual in light of the pandemic. The event planning co-chairs are Sharon Barney, Anthony Cox Jr., Andrea Farney, Jay Silberblatt and Patrice Turenne. The interactive day-long event, co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Bar Association, will focus on advancing diversity, equity and inclusion in the legal profession and will include 6.5 ethics credits. The agenda includes the following sessions:

1. **Developing Skills to Become an Ally: Awareness, Willingness, Values, and Action.** We will confront white privilege, white fragility, colorblindness and microaggressions and learn to employ more effective strategies to decrease objectifying, negative stereotypes, interracial anxiety and denial. During this multi-dimensional program, our presenters will teach us how to notice what they notice, unhook from stereotypes, and — most importantly — learn not to run away from interracial anxiety.

2. **Pipeline Efforts to Promote Diversity: A Multigenerational Perspective.** This panel will explore efforts that have been made in our profession to promote, attract and retain minority voices and will focus on the eternal question, “Where do we go from here?”

3. **TED Talks or Tough Talks and Diversity Resources for Bar Leaders, Solo/Small Firms and Larger Firms.** Three interconnected and candid TED-style talks confront the responsibilities and challenges associated with advancing diversity, equity and inclusion in bar associations and their communities.

4. **Facilitated Small Group Discussions and Large Group Report-Back.** Participants will have the opportunity to share their perspectives, work together in small group discussions, and subsequently participate in a full group discussion designed to identify key takeaways, goals, resources and next steps.

5. **A Closing Chat with Chief Judge Sánchez.** Chief Judge Juan R. Sánchez, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and PBA President David Schwager will provide remarks and practical actions that courts can take to promote diversity and inclusion and ways in which organized bar associations can support and advance the chief’s initiatives. You do not want to miss this exciting, informative and educational Diversity Summit. I plan to attend and hope to see you there!

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Our Legislative Subcommittee works tirelessly to keep us informed of significant bills and changes happening not only in our state legislature, but also around the country, such as police reform bills and Pennsylvania House Bill 196 concerning the regional election of appellate judges. Tsiiwen Law and Brenda Marrero are the co-chairs of this subcommittee. Our Membership Development Subcommittee co-chairs are Jackie Martinez, Sharon Lopez, and Ana Paulina Gomez. Our Nominations Subcommittee chair is Henri Pierre Marcial. Our Community Outreach Subcommittee co-chairs are E. Nego Pile and Raphael Castro. This subcommittee is working with county bar associations on civil rights issues and criminal law educational forums. The editor-in-chief of our illustrious newsletter is Arlene Marshall-Hockensmith. As you can see, she keeps the presses rolling.

Unfortunately, our Philadelphia and Harrisburg Minority Law Day events will not be held this fall due to the coronavirus pandemic. We are extremely disappointed and know that the students are too. Our Minority Law Day events are wonderful, engaging, informative and educational for the students. The Philadelphia co-chairs are Nigel Scott and Patrice Turenne. The Harrisburg co-chairs are Rachel Hadrick and Robert Datorre. We look forward to continuing these events next year! We have yet to make a decision about the spring 2021 Minority Law Day in Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh co-chairs are Verdell Dean and Imogene Cathey.

Our Minority Attorney Conference will be held in the fall of 2021. We are keeping our fingers crossed that participants will be able to attend this conference in person. Our co-chairs are Marisa Lattimore, Rhodia Thomas and Gina Thomas. We will definitely keep you updated about this event. We are also very excited and honored to announce that our 2019 Minority Attorney Conference was selected to receive the 2019 PBA Diversity Team’s Outstanding Leadership in Diversity and Inclusion Award. Congratulations and thank you to all who helped make the 2019 conference a huge success.

On July 29, 2020, the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network celebrated its 2020 Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Summer Intern Class with its first-ever, virtual recognition reception. The summer internship program, managed by Arlene Marshall-Hockensmith, our newsletter editor-in-chief, is designed to increase racial and ethnic diversity in Pennsylvania legal aid programs. In addition to the remarks of each intern, President Judge Kim Berkley Clark, PLAN board president, and featured speaker, Judge Royce Morris, shared some wonderful words of encouragement and support for the next generation of attorneys. Iman Woodyard, a third-year Penn State Dickinson Law student, spoke on behalf of the 2020 class. The reception video is available on the PLAN website at: https://palegalaid.net/2020-MLK-Reception. The latest edition of the PLAN MLK Internship and Fellowship Program newsletter is available at https://palegalaid.net/internships-fellowships/drum-major. PLAN is now accepting applications for its 2021 MLK Summer Internship Program. Additional information and application instructions can be found here: https://palegalaid.net/internships-fellowships.

We could not keep the MBC running smoothly without our chair, Tyesha Miley and co-chairs, Tony J. Thompson and Anthony Cox Jr. Thank you to our secretary, LaToya Winfield Bellamy, who works tirelessly to record our committee minutes. Thank you to all of our subcommittee chairs and MBC members for your contributions to our committee. There would be no MBC without you. Please join me in welcoming Susan Wolf! We are happy to have you as our PBA committee relations coordinator and look forward to working with you. And, as always, special thanks to Diane Banks for all that you do to prepare our newsletter. If you are not already a member of our Minority Bar Committee, please join today. As Mahatma Ghandi said, “Be the change you want to see in the world.”

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As I write my final article as the chair of the MBC Rising Star Program Subcommittee, I am filled with many emotions. I am excited to tackle new challenges within the PBA and in my community. I anxiously anticipate the emergence of new leadership that will rise to the challenge of advancing this award program.

I remain agitated, disappointed, dismayed, but never surprised, by the multitude of ways that our collective lives are still not valued. The racist phrases “Kung Flu” and “Chinese Flu” have continued to be used by the highest elected official in our country with little thought for the many people of Asian descent who have suffered verbal and physical abuse at the hands of those who are looking for someone to blame for the spread of COVID-19. At the same time, Black, brown and indigenous populations are being infected and dying of COVID-19 at much higher rates than their white counterparts. While quarantining, we have watched extrajudicial killings. Many women, particularly women of color, have borne the economic impact of COVID-19. This pandemic has amplified and exacerbated the pre-existing ills of this nation. And yet, seemingly against all odds, I remain hopeful. The atmosphere is crackling with change. The pandemic has occasioned an ongoing, and long overdue, period of reflection regarding enduring inequities that have yet to be adequately addressed. People are listening, and we are telling our stories. At long last, awareness and action are no longer limited to our impacted communities. We are in the midst of a fight to end systemic racism—a fight that has many fronts.

I would like to think that Houston’s Rising Star Award plays a small, yet still important, part in the social change we are seeing. In spring 2018, I introduced myself to you and announced the resurrection of the Rising Star Award after six years of dormancy. We wanted to identify and amplify the work of the future leaders, not only of the MBC, but our community. In this respect, the program has been an incredible success.

In fall 2018, we recognized Anthony D. Cox Jr. He shared his story of being accosted by police complete with sirens and flashing lights as he walked to his car after a late night of preparing for trial. Anthony has continued his work as the editor of the #BlackLivesMatter/#SayHerName column of Houston’s Legacy and is now co-vice chair of this committee. Anthony practices litigation at Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote in Harrisburg, where he is also a member of the firm’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

In the fall 2019, we recognized Patrice M. Turenne. She shared her work with the Garage Community & Youth Center, an after-school and youth development program serving middle and high school students. There she serves as a member of the executive board. Patrice is presently co-chairing the upcoming Virtual Diversity Summit scheduled for Oct. 7, 2020. This year’s Diversity Summit, which will be held in conjunction with the Montgomery County Bar Association, will provide practical tips and tools for attorneys, law firms, and bar leaders. Patrice is labor & employment counsel for Bimbo Bakeries USA.

Anthony and Patrice are spring boarding to greater heights within their professional careers. They are leading. They are advancing the mission of MBC. They are impacting change far beyond their front porch.

The work of building the pipeline of future leaders is vital. I am in the process of assembling a committee to solicit nominations and select our 2021 Rising Star Award recipient. If you have any interest in working on this subcommittee, please let me know. We will be rolling out our nomination process this fall with an eye toward selecting a recipient Minority Attorney Conference in 2021.

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JUMPING SILOS

The Definition of Service Leaders: The PBA COVID-19 Task Force

By Wesley R. Payne IV, Esq.

When drafting this article, I was reminded of John F. Kennedy’s inaugural address challenging all Americans to do something for the public good by proclaiming “Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.” Powerful words of service that ring true today for many Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) members. Normally, the purpose of the Changing Silos column is to introduce different committees and sections to the members of the Minority Bar Committee and to keep our members aware of the opportunities offered by the PBA. However, 2020 has been anything but a typical year and, therefore, I have decided to switch gears a little and highlight the actions of a task force that did not exist eight months ago: the PBA Covid-19 Task Force. The members of this task force exemplify the definition of bar service leaders.

The Task Force, formed in February 2020 by Immediate Past President Anne N. John, continues under the leadership of President David Schwager. Its broad and literally ever-changing mission is to assist and advise the PBA president with respect to the uncertainties faced by practitioners face during the pandemic and to think of creative solutions — a mission gladly undertaken by the task force. At the beginning of the pandemic, the task force met via conference call and/or Zoom meetings on a nearly daily basis to address the numerous issues presented.

The task force’s first mission was to develop a statewide online resource guide for practitioners that addressed various issues and changes to law practice because of the shutdown. COVID-19 Resource Guide for Lawyers, is an extensive guide available on the PBA website and is regularly updated. It contains over 95 resources that address various pandemic, shutdown, law practice, ethics and mental health-related issues and topics. The list of topic areas includes:

- Connections to the Courts
- Reopening Guidance for Businesses
- Federal Information and Programs to Assist Small Businesses
- State Information and Programs to Assist Small Businesses
- Mental Health Support Services for Lawyers
- CLE Resources for Lawyers
- Articles, Blog Posts and Guidance for Lawyers
- Legislation and Governmental Orders of Interest to Lawyers
- Information for Law Students and Recent Law School Graduates
- COVID-19 Resources by Subject Area
- Pro Bono Service During the Crisis
- ‘Timely Tips’ for Lawyers During the Crisis
- Pennsylvania Bar Association Project Board

As one can see, this is quite an impressive list of resources for the members to access and utilize. The resource guide also addresses office reopening considerations and how to effectively and ethically practice law during the pandemic. The guide is practical and provides timely information especially for those who may not have been able to locate or access this type of information from other groups, organizations or sources.

Additionally, the task force has championed diploma privilege for students who graduated during the pandemic and registered to take the bar exam. Even when the first effort was not completely successful and only resulted in the PBA endorsement of a limited diploma period, the task force continued its research and efforts that resulted in a much more robust report. The PBA, along with several other bar associations, accepted the report and passed resolutions in support of diploma privileges for impacted law school graduates. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court did not accept the recommendation, but the effort demonstrated the measures that the PBA will take to support its members and future members. When asked why he supported and fought so hard for the diploma privilege, Jon Koltash, who chaired the task force subcommittee regarding diploma privileges, stated, “I thought the students needed a voice, and the PBA is the voice for those who have none.” What an effective voice he has been for the new law school graduates!

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Further, the task force assembled a Project Board to help recent law graduates impacted by the pandemic to find employment with attorneys in need of temporary help. Short- and long-term assignments are posted and available not only for recent law school graduates, but also for other PBA members whose practices were affected by the pandemic. In short, the Project Board has been a great success.

When asked to serve on the task force, Michael Jones, the task force chair, knew it would be a ‘heavy lift’ but he agreed to serve. When going through the accomplishments of the task force, Michael quickly noted the efforts of the PBA staff and shared that they deserve the credit for its work. He viewed the task force as the best opportunity he had to work with and help members and future members of the PBA in a meaningful way.

So to the members of the PBA COVID-19 Task Force – Michael Jones, Sara Austin, William Baldwin, Timothy Carson, Danielle Conway, Charles Eppolito, Jordan Fischer, David Freedman, Philip Friedman, Brian Gorman, Anne John, Jon Koltash, Kelly Mroczek, Jill Scheidt, David Schwager, Carol Shelly, Jay Silberblatt, Mary Walsh-Dempsey and Kathleen Wilkinson – the MBC thanks you for your tireless work and good efforts on behalf of all PBA members.

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