



# Pennsylvania Bar Association

## Young Lawyers Division Executive Council 2019-2020



### **Jennifer Menichini** **YLD Chair**

Jennifer Menichini is an attorney with Joyce, Carmody & Moran PC, which has offices in Pittston and Scranton. Jennifer's practice involves representing clients in all aspects of litigation in state and federal court, focusing primarily on labor, employment and civil rights matters.

Jennifer currently serves as a Zone 5 delegate to the House of Delegates. She also serves as statewide co-chair of the High School Mock Trial Competition and as the Outreach and Diversity Subcommittee chair of the PBA Federal Practice Committee. She is also a past president of the Middle District of Pennsylvania Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. She is an active member of the Lackawanna Bar Association, currently serving on its board of directors and previously serving as president of the Young Lawyers Division. She was awarded the 2017 Margaret M. "Peggy" Gavin Award. She is also a member of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association and Monroe County Bar Association. She was also a member of the PBA Bar Leadership Institute class in 2015.

Jennifer graduated from Duquesne University School of Law, where she served as case note editor for the *Duquesne Law Review*, and she graduated magna cum laude from the University of Scranton.

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He is an active member of the Montgomery Bar Association, including currently serving on the board of directors and previously serving as chair of the Young Lawyers Section.

Colin graduated cum laude from the Villanova University School of Law and magna cum laude from the University of Scranton's Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Honors Program.

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### **Alaina Koltash** **YLD Immediate Past Chair**

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Alaina is a Board Member of the Widener Commonwealth School of Law Alumni Association and is a member of the James S. Bowman Inn of Court.

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Garnet L. Crossland serves as solicitor for the Court of Common Pleas in Fayette County. Garnet is also the executive director for the Fayette County Bar Association and editor of the *Fayette Legal Journal*. Garnet is active in the Pennsylvania Bar Association as a member of the House of Delegates and Young Lawyer Division Executive Council.

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He is an active member of the Blair County Bar Association, serving on the Board of Governors and as president of its Young Lawyers Division. Chris serves on the boards of directors of various community organizations in Central Pennsylvania, including the Rotary Club of Altoona, Ronald McDonald House Charities - Mid Penn Region and the Blair County Chamber Foundation.

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Paul D. Edger is the managing attorney of the Carlisle office of MidPenn Legal Services. Paul focuses his practice in the areas of domestic violence and sexual violence protection, child custody, landlord/tenant, employment, public housing and public benefits. Paul is also an adjunct professor at Widener University Commonwealth Law School, teaching in the areas of family law, property, employment law and trial skills. Paul has been recognized as Top 40 Under 40 Family Lawyer by the American Society of Legal Advocates in 2017 and received the Cumberland County Bar Association George E. Hoffer Service to Youth Award in 2018. He was named a Rising Star by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers in 2019 in the field of "Legal Aid/Pro Bono," only one of 10 ever named to the field in the history of Pennsylvania Super Lawyer.

Paul currently serves as the YLD representative to the House of Delegates. Paul joined YLD leadership beginning as a co-chair of his zone and was then elected as treasurer for two years. He has also been a voting delegate in the PBA House of Delegates for the previous six years. He is active in the Cumberland County Bar Association, serving as co-chair of the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee and previously served as chair of the CCBA Young Lawyers.

Paul graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Elizabethtown College and earned his Juris Doctor from the Widener University School of Law. He lives in Carlisle with his wife, Katelynn, and two sons, Connor and Aiden.

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**Sharon Barney**  
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Sharon Barney is a partner at the State College office of Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl LLC. Sharon practices immigration law and family law and has presented CLEs on business immigration matters and the intersection of immigration and family law. Prior to joining the firm, she was a solo practitioner and also worked as a legal services attorney for a domestic violence organization and a refugee resettlement agency.

Sharon is the current co-chair of the Legal Services to the Public Committee and a member of the Bar Leadership Institute Class, 2017-2018. She is also co-chair of the Diversity Summit Subcommittee of the Minority Bar Committee, chair of the Education Subcommittee of the Immigration Law Committee and a member of the GLBT Rights Committee, Commission for Women in the Profession and Family Law Section. She is an active member of the Centre County Bar Association, having previously served on the Board of Governors as the Young Lawyers Division chair and as the Public Interest/Pro Bono Committee co-chair. She is also a member of the Community Diversity Group in State College and chaired the Multicultural Unity Fair committee, which brought the first Multicultural Unity Fair to Centre County in 2018.

Sharon graduated with her Juris Doctor from Northeastern University School of Law and received her Bachelor of Arts in English with high honors from the University of Rochester.

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**Lauren Hartley**  
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She is also YLD liaison to the Commission on Women in the Profession (WIP) and co-chair for the commission's Membership Committee.

Hartley is the recruitment coordinator at Penn State Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle. She also coordinates public interest and pro bono programming at the law school.

Prior to joining Dickinson Law, Hartley served as a law clerk to Judge Christylee Peck of the Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas. As a law student and recent graduate, she worked in immigration law. She graduated from Penn State Dickinson School of Law and Pepperdine University.

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Karen is an associate at Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin in Philadelphia. Her practice focuses on professional liability and casualty actions, where she is privileged to defend professionals who work in industries, including sports and entertainment, construction, and property management. Karen is also part of the firm's growing Privacy & Data Security Group. She advises clients regarding their obligations with respect to compromised data, cyber attacks and employee usage of social media.

Karen graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 2012 and Drexel Law School in 2015. She is a member of the PBA Bar Leadership Institute Class of 2018-2019. She is an active member and serves on the Executive Council of the PBA Commission on Women in the Profession.

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**Zane Johnson**  
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M. Zane Johnson is a solo practitioner whose practice focuses on using innovative service models to meet the civil legal needs of individuals and families of modest means. Prior to striking out on his own, Zane was the managing attorney of the Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity, a nonprofit legal aid organization that works towards just outcomes for low-income individuals who have had contact with the criminal justice system.

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Marissa is a graduate of the Boston University School of Law and the Villanova University School of Business. She is an active member of the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce and is a coach for Girls on the Run Lehigh Valley.

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Jennifer Galloway is a partner at Kearney, Galloway and Graybill, LLC, in York, Pa. Jenn focuses her practice in the areas of estate planning, estate administration, orphans court litigation and elder law.

Jenn is an active member of the York County Bar Association, chairing several of its committees, and is a past chair of the YCBA Young Lawyers Section.

Jenn is a cum laude graduate of Elizabethtown College, where she received a B.A. in both political science and criminal justice. Jenn graduated summa cum laude from the Duquesne University School of Law, where she was the associate comment editor for the *Duquesne Law Review* and a contributing member of the *Business Law Journal*.

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Jada S. Greenhowe joined the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) as assistant counsel in 2014. She provides legal advice on bankruptcy, credit reporting and third-party vendor management and oversight. She counsels PHFA's secondary mortgage program, the Homeowner's Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program, and represents the agency in civil litigation matters including Actions to Quiet Title and Commonwealth Court appeals. She oversees federal and state regulatory compliance pertaining to the mortgage servicing industry, such as Act 91 (Homeowner's Emergency Assistance Act), Act 6 (the Loan Interest and Protection Law) and the Fair Credit Reporting Act for PHFA's Single Family mortgage program. In addition, she handles multi-party transactional real estate closings involving investor partnerships and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits in connection with PHFA's Multifamily program.

In 2013, Jada obtained her Juris Doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. She earned a B.A. in Communication Rhetoric from the University of Pittsburgh in 2009.

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**Rachel M. Planas**  
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Rachel M. Planas, formerly Rachel M. Wilson, joined McCormick Law Firm in November 2013. Prior to joining the firm, Planas worked as an employment and labor law attorney in Philadelphia and as a labor relations and human resources legal advisor for a public utility holding company in Southern New Jersey.

Planas concentrates her practice on representing employers in workers' compensation, employment and labor law matters. She is admitted to the bars of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and New Jersey and is a member of the Lycoming Law Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Planas graduated with honors from Rowan University in 2006, with a Bachelor of Arts in Law and Justice and a minor in psychology. In May of 2012, Mrs. Planas received her Juris Doctor from Temple University's James Beasley School of Law. While at Temple, Planas was a teaching assistant for the Integrated Transactional Skills Program, an executive officer of the Business Law Society and an active member of the Tax Law Society.

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**Diana M. Collins**  
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Diana Marie Collins is an attorney and professor. She currently teaches a variety of persuasive writing and pre-law courses at the University of Scranton and Luzerne County Community College. Diana also has over five years of experience in employment law. She served as a federal judicial law clerk for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for over two years and worked in the private sector representing both plaintiffs and defendants in employment law discrimination matters.

Collins is the co-vice chair of the PBA Law Related Education Committee and a graduate of the Bar Leadership Institute. She is the YLD liaison for the Civil and Equal Rights Committee. She previously served as a Zone 5 delegate in the House of Delegates. She is also active in her local bar association and is a past president of the Luzerne County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

Collins graduated from New York University and Pace Law School. She is an enthusiastic member of the Democratic Party and a former intern for Hillary Clinton when she was a New York senator.

In her spare time, Collins enjoys singing and freelance writing.

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Don is an associate attorney at the firm of Amori and Associates LLC in Stroudsburg, Pa., where he practices criminal defense, employment law, and landlord-tenant matters. He is admitted to practice in all Pennsylvania state courts and has also been appointed by Monroe County to serve as conflict counsel for juvenile and adult defendants in criminal justice matters.

Prior to joining Amori & Associates, Don clerked for two years with Judge Stephen M. Higgins of the Monroe County Court of Common Pleas.

He is a member of both the Monroe County Bar Association (MCBA) and the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA). He currently serves as president of the MCBA Young Lawyers Division and serves on various social and service committees of the bar association. In 2017, Don was one of 10 attorneys across the commonwealth selected to the PBA Bar Leadership Institute.

Don earned his Juris Doctorate from Widener University Commonwealth Law School in Harrisburg and his undergraduate degree from Montclair State University in Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

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Zach recently served as the chair of the Westmoreland County Young Lawyers Committee, is the Zone 6 YLD delegate in the PBA House of Delegates and was a member of the Bar Leadership Institute Class of 2016-2017. Zach is also a member of the Municipality of Murrysville's Planning Commission.

He graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 2009 and Albany Law School in 2012. While at Albany Law School, he was an editor for the *Government Law Review*.

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She is an active member of the Erie County Bar Association and currently serves as co-vice chair of the Young Lawyers Division.

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Sarah is a member of the PBA Bar Leadership Class of 2016-2017. She is also actively involved in the Crawford County Bar Association, where she serves as chair of the Young Lawyers Division.

Sarah graduated with honors from Ohio Northern University, Claude W. Pettit College of Law and received her bachelor's degree from Westminster College.

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She graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2008 with a double major in philosophy and English and a minor in the classics. In May 2013 she received her J.D. from the William Mitchell College of Law (now Mitchell Hamlin School of Law). While attending, she sat on the executive board of the Women Law Student Association and was magister of the Mitchell Inn of the international legal honor society Phi Delta Phi.

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**Patrick Gallo**  
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An experienced civil litigator, Patrick concentrates his practice on complex commercial, construction, products liability, insurance coverage and business litigation. He often represents businesses and corporations in contractual and shareholder disputes and serves as outside counsel to a number of corporations and businesses. He has been consistently named a Pennsylvania “Rising Star” by Super Lawyers® since 2015 and has also been featured on Main Line Today’s Top Lawyers list published by *Main Line Today Magazine*.

He is active with the Chester County Bar Association, where he serves on the Executive Committee, board of directors and is chair of the YLD. He is also active in the community, serving on the PLAN Steering Committee for the Chester County Community Foundation and as a T-Ball coach with the Coventry Little League.

Patrick received his J.D. from Widener University School of Law where he was a merit scholar, member of the Trial Advocacy and Moot Court Honor Societies and Executive Board member for both the Student Bar Association and the *Widener Journal of Law, Economics and Race*. He graduated magna cum laude from West Chester University, where he played football for the Golden Rams.

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In addition to her PBA involvement, Patrice is an active member of the Montgomery Bar Association, including serving as the treasurer of the Young Lawyers Section.

Patrice is a graduate of Widener University School of Law School. She also holds an B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh and an M.A. from La Salle University.

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Andrea practices in the areas of civil litigation, business law, real estate law, probate/estate law and criminal law. From 2013 to 2016, she served as law clerk to Judge Marilyn J. Horan of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas.

She is a member of the Butler County Bar Association’s Executive Committee and is a past president of the Butler County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. She also serves as one of Butler County’s mental health hearing review officers, is the Butler County coordinator for the PBA Wills For Heroes program and actively serves on the Butler County Library Board.

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**Daniel McKenrick**  
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Daniel McKenrick is an attorney for Penn State Student Legal Services. He represents students in various criminal and civil matters arising out of Centre County. He additionally represents court appointed individuals in criminal and juvenile matters. Before working at Penn State, McKenrick served as an assistant district attorney for several years. He also served as a law clerk to Judge Margherita Patti Worthington in Monroe County after graduating from law school.

McKenrick serves on the PBA House of Delegates and the Conference of County Bar Leaders Executive Committee. He also serves on Centre County Bar Association Board of Governors and is a past president of the Centre County Bar Association.

McKenrick graduated cum laude from Widener University School of Law. While there, he served on the *Widener Law Journal*, interned for a Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice and interned for the Cumberland County District Attorney's Office. McKenrick graduated from Penn State with high distinction (B.A., crime, law and justice; B.A., political science).

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**Adrienne Peters Sipes**  
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Adrienne Peters Sipes is a senior attorney and partner with Radius Law Group. Adrienne manages the Pennsylvania office of the law firm, which has offices in Florida, North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

Adrienne is a VA-accredited attorney and specializes in estate and long-term care planning. She has handled over 250 VA pension claims in her time with Radius Law Group, assisting veterans in obtaining benefits to help provide for their long-term care. Prior to joining Radius Law Group, she was a sole practitioner handling a wide variety of civil and criminal matters.

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Malloy is an active member of the Allegheny Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. Before moving to Pittsburgh, she served as president of the Cambria County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. She has volunteered as a coordinator for the PBA Young Lawyer Division Mock Trial Competition for the past three years. Malloy currently serves on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross Pennsylvania Mountains Chapter.

Malloy graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and political communications. She received her Juris Doctor from Ohio Northern University Claude W. Pettit College of Law in 2013.

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Upon graduating from law school, Ross served as an assistant public defender in Beaver County, Pa., worked at a firm practicing solely workers' compensation defense, and practiced in the field of general civil litigation, elder law, estates and trusts.

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She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh in 2010 with a bachelor of science in psychology and a double minor in legal studies and Italian. She obtained her Juris Doctor from Duquesne University School of Law in 2013.

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