Conference of County Bar Leaders “CCBL”
YLD Business Meeting
Friday, February 25, 2022

Meeting called to order at 10:04 a.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome given by Chair, Paul Edger.

II. Adoption of the Minutes

Adoption of the minutes was moved by Mollie Patterson, and second by Jamey Belin. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

III. Executive Council Reports

a. Treasurer (Chris Michelone)

Financials of the YLD are available upon request.

Chris encouraged zones to continue to hold their social events.

b. YLD Division Delegate Report (Jenn Galloway)

The November meeting of the House of Delegates was held via Zoom.

At this time, Jenn has nothing further to report.

c. ABA Delegate – Report was given by Adrianne Peters Sipes

Adrienne gave a general review of the last ABA meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled to meet virtually in August.

d. Immediate Past Chair (Colin O’Boyle)

No report.

e. Chair Elect (Patrice Turenne)
Patrice is in the process of planning the Summer Summit. If anyone is interested in helping with the planning they should contact Patrice.

Patrice is also in the process of selecting her appointments for the next year. If anyone is interested in serving they should contact Patrice.

IV. YLD Projects
   (https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Lawyers/Young-Lawyers-Division/Projects-and-Programs)
   
a. Committee and Section Liaisons (Ryan Sypniewski)
   
   The Committee Reports were provided in the materials that were distributed prior to the meeting.
   
b. Law School Update
   
   a. Welcome newly appointed council members
   
   Paul welcomed the new members that he recently appointed. At this point we have four (4) law students that have been appointed to Executive Counsel.

   Paul is continuing to seek appointments for the remaining schools.
   
c. Social Media Subcommittee (Jenn Galloway)
   
   If anyone has pictures from YLD events, please send them to Maria to post to the YLD FaceBook page.
   
d. E-Mentorship Program
   
   The current cycle ends in March.

   If there is anyone interested in taking over this program, please email Paul or Maria.
   
e. Project Linus (Melissa Merchant-Calvert)
   
   The next collection will take place at committee section day in November.
   
f. ESL Subcommittee
   
   The Committee is in the process of meeting with PBA leadership to develop a data base.
   
g. Bylaws Subcommittee (Colin O’Boyle)
   
   The materials that were distributed prior to the meeting contained a redline version of the Bylaws with proposed changes.

   Michael Lyons made a friendly amendment to #12 on the Report and Recommendation of Ad Hoc Committee to Review YLD Bylaws. The friendly amendment was to remove the obligation to appoint and make this an automatic succession. The friendly amendment was accepted by Colin, on behalf of the bylaws committee.

   Colin moved on behalf of the Bylaws committee to accept the amendments to the Bylaws.

   No second was needed.
Motion passed unanimously.

These amendments will be presented to the House of Delegates at the May meeting.

h. At Issue (Alyssa Hicks)
   a. Article submission for the next Issue – at your earliest convenience
   i. Tom Cocchi (cocchi@zklaw.com) and Alyssa Hicks (ahicks@kingspiry.com) or Maria Engles - maria.engles@pabar.org

i. Statewide Mock Trial Program
   (https://www.pabar.org/site/For-the-Public/Mock-Trial-Competition)
   a. Interested in volunteering to Judge/Juror State Championship March 24, 25, 26
   i. SIGN UP
   b. Questions: Jonathan Koltash (jonathan.koltash@gmail.com) and Jennifer Menichini (jm@joycecarmody.com) or Maria Engles (maria.engles@pabar.org)

j. Wills for Heroes

   b. To learn about the program, sign up to volunteer, or to see the schedule of events throughout the year please visit the YLD’s Wills for Heroes page
   c. Want to bring the program to your County? For more details, please contact Maria Engles (maria.engles@pabar.org) and Hannah Suhr (wfh/hsuhr@gmail.com)
   d. Upcoming Planned WFH events
      i. April 2, Widener Commonwealth Law School, Harrisburg
      ii. April 30, Chestnut Hill College, Plymouth Meeting

V. Bar Leadership Institute

The current class is in their second (2nd) year due to the pandemic. Anyone interested in becoming a part of BLI should be on the lookout for an email with the application.

VI. Zone Reports & Upcoming Zone Events

Zone Reports are attached to the materials that were distributed prior to the meeting.

Zone 10 is having their Ax Throwing Social Event on March 26.

Zone 2 is in the process of having their Social Event in the early Spring.

VII. Upcoming Events
(https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Lawyers/Young-Lawyers-Division/Meetings-and-Events)

- **March 24-26, 2022** - PBA Mock Trial Championship
  - Virtual
  - Jurors needed.

- **May 11-13, 2022** - PBA Annual Meeting
  - Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA
  - YLD Passing of the Gavel and YLD Awards will occur on Thursday at the lunch

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YLD Business Meeting will occur on Thursday late afternoon.

**July 21-23, 2022 – YLD Summer Summit**
- Seven Springs Ski Resort, Champion, PA
- YLD Business Meeting will occur

VIII. Social Media Connection:
   a. The YLD page is [https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Lawyers/Young-Lawyers-Division](https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Lawyers/Young-Lawyers-Division) or [www.pabar.org](http://www.pabar.org) → For Lawyers → Young Lawyers Division
   b. YLD Facebook – PBA Young Lawyers Division

IX. Old Business
   None.

X. New Business
   None.

XI. Adjournment
   Moved by Schawnne Kilgus
   Second by Colin O’Boyle.
   Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

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**COMMITTEE AND SECTION REPORTS**

**Civil Litigation Section**
- The PBA Civil Litigation Section is seeking nominations for Council positions. The Council is the governing body of the Section and has general supervision over the Section’s affairs and activities. Council members hold three-year terms, are expected to join monthly meetings, and participate in Section events. This is a great leadership opportunity for Section members who want to become more involved. Self-nomination is encouraged. Please submit name of nominee, resume/bio, and a brief statement of interest to Pamela Kance at pam.kance@pabar.org by March 31. If you have any
questions, contact Pam at 800-932-0311, ext. 2243 or by e-mail. Selected candidates will be contacted by the Nominating Committee and will stand for election during the section meeting on May 12.

- The Civil Litigation Retreat will be held in Gettysburg, PA, April 29, 2022 to May 1, 2022. The agenda will begin on Friday with a program on professionalism and civility, followed by an ethics round table, and then the Council meeting, after which there will be a reception, dinner, and keynote. The Saturday session will be a three-part program focused on personal jurisdiction, discovery and depositions. The reception for Saturday night will be at the Gettysburg Museum, complete with guest speaker and program. Sunday morning will complete the program with two hours of CLE including discussion of trauma-based lawyering and hot topics covering a broad range of practice areas.

Education Law Section
- At each recent meeting, the Education Law Section discussed the Commonwealth Court trial regarding school funding. Members of the public can watch a live stream of the trial here: [https://www.fundourschoolspa.org/trial](https://www.fundourschoolspa.org/trial). It was noted that some school districts across the Commonwealth have passed resolutions in support of the plaintiffs who filed the suit.
- In addition, at each meeting members shared updates on masking policies, COVID policies, and other public health protocols in their respective regions.
- At the most recent meeting in February, PBA staff provided a legislative update on pending legislation that affects educational institutions in the Commonwealth.
- In addition, the Section is in the process of planning speakers and topics of discussion for future meetings. They welcome suggestions on K-12 and higher education law topics.

LGBTQ Committee
- The LGBTQ Committee would like to share its Fall 2021/Winter 2022 issue of Open Court. Available to read here: [https://www.pabar.org/public/committees/GLB01/pubs/2022/OpenCourtFall2021-Winter2022.pdf](https://www.pabar.org/public/committees/GLB01/pubs/2022/OpenCourtFall2021-Winter2022.pdf)

Public Utility Law Section (PULS)
- The Public Utility Section Council continues to meet on the first Tuesday of each month (next meeting on February 1, 2022)
- PULS recently participated in the Dollar Energy Fund’s 8th Annual Cool Down for Warmth fundraising campaign. PULS exceeded its goal, raising $2,650 in donations. Donations will be used to provide utility assistance grants to limited-income households. The Dollar Energy Fund raised approximately $140,000 total, including utility matching funds. The funds will benefit nearly 400 homes in need of assistance this winter.
- PULS will continue to hold virtual Lunch and Learn programs.
- PULS continues to encourage membership growth. Reminder, there are opportunities for free membership for new members and law students.
- PULS is currently seeking nominations for the PULS Council. Council members serve three-year terms and are expected to join monthly conference call meetings and
participate in PULS events. The PULS is also seeking nominations for the office of Treasure.

Commission on Women in the Profession (WIP)

- The WIP continues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month (next meeting on March 2, 2022)
- The WIP Fall Commission met on January 5, 2022 in conjunction with an installment of the Wellness Luncheon series, “Girls just Want to Have Funds.” The Wellness Luncheon was organized by the Quality of Life Committee.
- The WIP and Minority Bar Committee will host an International Women’s Day Program on March 8, 2022 from 4PM to 6PM. The program will celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The program will feature Honorable Sally Updyke Mundy, Honorable Susan Peikes Gantman, Honorable Kim Berkeley Clark, Honorable Cheryl L. Austin, Aurora Austriaco Esq., and Jeralyn Lawrence, Esq. There is no charge for the program and it is open to members and non-members. Register at https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUtc-6uqDkrHdBlH7OPYu4E6D9ZBLkPQsAz%20%20.
- The WIP, the Minority Bar Committee, and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Team will host “Underground Saviors, Elevated Heroes 2022” on March 11, 2022 from 12PM to 2PM. The program will focus on Honoring Harriet Tubman and Understanding the History of the Underground Railroad. The program will feature a dialogue with Cynthia Mullock, Esq., the Executive Director of the Harriet Tubman Museum. Register at https://www.pbi.org/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=42670.
- All PBA members are eligible to join WIP.

ZONE REPORTS

Zone 1 (Philadelphia)
Zone Chairs – Karen Grethlein kegrethlein@mdwgc.com & Taylor Pacheco pacheco@plsephilly.org

Zone 2 (Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, Schuylkill)
Cumberland County:  
Cumberland County YLD, with the generous support of the bench and bar, made its Adopt-a-Family event a success, by bringing holiday joy to over 40 families in shelters across the community who may not have been able to otherwise. Additionally, the Cumberland County YLD donated needed nonperishable food and supplies to Domestic Violence Services as part of the event.

After two years, the Cumberland YLD brought back its annual Holiday Dinner in December. The event was well-attended, and everyone was thrilled to see people in-person again. Unfortunately, due to the spike in COVID-19 cases, the Annual Dinner was postponed, but hopefully it will be rescheduled for later in the spring. The Cumberland YLD has several programs planned, which will take place from March through May, including a Law Day program, which will take place in May.

Franklin County:
Franklin County YLD has been continuing with monthly business meetings every first Friday. Most have been virtual given ongoing COVID precautions.

While the Franklin YLD looked forward to resuming the usual annual Holiday Party in December of 2021, it was unfortunately cancelled due to the rise in COVID cases and concerns at the time. However, everyone is excited to be using the resources originally allocated for that to plan a social event sometime this spring or summer, as long as it is safe to do so.

Franklin County YLD also has several community outreach events coming up this Spring and Summer. In May, the Franklin YLD will be holding its annual Law Day event for local schools. The event will be held virtually and will include a presentation on this years’ Law Day theme, an address to the students by the Honorable Mary Beth Shank, and a mock trial by YLD members. This summer, the Franklin YLD is looking forward to also participating in the Race Against Poverty and the American Heart Association Heart Walk.

Dauphin County:
Several Young Lawyers from Dauphin County participated in a celebration of the Commonwealth Court's 70 year history in December. This event took place in the beautiful Capitol Rotunda, and young lawyers got to meet and mingle with members of the Bar, Commonwealth Court judges, and other members of the legal profession. It was a very well-attended event and everyone greatly enjoyed being able to celebrate in-person. Also in December, the Dauphin YLD held its annual Holiday Party in conjunction with the Government Lawyers division.

The Dauphin YLD held its annual meeting on January 13, 2022 where new officers were elected and concluded in a happy hour. The DCBA as a whole will be holding a March Madness bracket challenge, which YLD members are able to participate in.
In December, the Luzerne County YLD held its new admittee swearing in ceremony and 8 new lawyers attended the ceremony. The new lawyers were celebrated later that night at the annual YLD holiday party. The YLD also held its annual Christmas party for the children at the children service center. They were able to provide the kids with pizza, juice, water, cupcakes, and of course gifts from 85+ children. The gifts were chosen based off of wish lists that the children provided in advance of the event.

In January, the Luzerne County YLD attended a Penguins hockey game vs Lehigh Valley.

In February, Luzerne County coordinated the High School Mock Trial Competition 2/8-2/10. The YLD also donated $1,500 to Ruth’s Place domestic violence shelter for their Kitchen Impossible project to build a new kitchen in the facility.

Upcoming events in Luzerne County include the monthly YLD meeting on February 17. This meeting will be in person. The YLD has also planned a snow tubing event at Montage Mountain on February 27.

In March, the Luzerne County YLD will hold a Dinner with Kids volunteer event. During the event, volunteers will package cooked meals for local children in need.

In April, the Luzerne County YLD will hold a wine/brewery tour and will conduct an Expungement Clinic in April-May.

**Zone 6 (Fayette, Greene, Washington, Westmoreland)**
Zone Chair – Zach Kansler – zkansler@westpalawyers.com & Megan Yocabet myocabet@davisanddavislaw.com

**Zone 7 (Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Venango, Warren)**
Zone Chairs – Lydia Caparosa lcaparosa@mijb.com & Sarah Quinn quinn@steptoe-johnson.com

Erie County Events
- 2/18/22 - Winter Time in the Woods at Asbury Woods
- Quarterly YLD meetings and new YLD Chair is currently in the process of planning events.

**Zone 8 (Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Mifflin, Somerset)**
Zone Chair - Schawnne Kilgus – skilgus@midpenn.org & Brandon Ryan bryan@midpenn.org

Zone 8 held their Social Event on 8/20/2021 at the Altoona Curve AA Baseball stadium. Members from Bedford, Cambria, and Blair County attended as well as YLD Chair Paul Edger.

Blair County:
- A Wills for Heroes event is in the works, on hold due to increased rates of COVID-19, more info in the future.
- Blair Co. YLD held a party for its members on November 19, 2021 at Slingers Throw House, an axe-throwing event. Much fun was had by all.
- Blair Co. Bar Association threw their annual meeting/holiday party on 12/17/2021 at the US Hotel in Altoona.

**Zone 9 (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery)**
Zone Chair- Patrick Gallo Jr – pgallo@macelree.com & Mike Lyon mike@walshpanico.com

**Zone 10 (Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, Mercer)**
Zone Chairs – Mollie Patterson mollie.pattersonesq@gmail.com & Jamey Belin jamey@charltonlawyers.com

Social Event
• Scheduled for March 26th at 6:00pm at Lumberjaxes in Cranberry Twp., PA.

Beaver County:
• We had an annual Winter/Christmas Happy Hour in December where we collected new coats/pajamas for the children and families served by Beaver County CYS.
• We are currently working our way through the Mock Trial program and have started the 2nd round this week.
• Lastly, we are gearing up for our annual Flag Day YLD Golf Outing where we raise money to create individually customized adaptive bikes for Beaver County children with disabilities. Bikes are made by Variety.

Butler County:
• We are still looking at what events to plan for 2022.

Zone 11 (Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Potter)
Zone Chair- Daniel McKenrick – dcm230@psu.edu & Adrianne Peters Sipes adrianne@compassestateplanning.com

Zone 12 (Allegheny)
Zone Chair- Thomas Cocchi cocchi@zklaw.com & Michelle Ross mross@lynchlaw-group.com

The ACBA YLD had their annual meeting at noon on February 22, 2022. The ACBA YLD is offering a broad suite of CLE offerings for area attorneys between now and the summer. The 2022 Bench-Bar conference for the ACBA will be in-person this year at Seven Springs Mountain Resort from June 16-18. The ABA has recognized the YLD’s Point of Law newsletter with an award. The ACBA has seen decreased participation in its programming and events since the onset of COVID. One method of addressing this is that the ACBA is increasing its involvement with and efforts to reach out to the local area law schools (Duquesne and Pitt). To that end, the ACBA is bringing back the “passing the bar bash” event to celebrate success on the bar exam for new area attorneys. The YLD is hosting an event this spring called “bring back the boogie” which will be a 70s themed happy hour at Olive or Twist, proceeds will benefit the YLD scholarship fund. The ACBA and PBA are looking to continue the Wills for Heroes program in Allegheny County, they intend to do it virtually this year if possible. The PBA Annual Mock Trial Program for Allegheny County is well underway, and the playoff rounds will take place in the first week of March. Volunteers for judges and jurors are both welcome and appreciated.