

*Newsletter of the Peoria County Bar Association, an Accredited Provider of Continuing Legal Education.*

## Message from the President



Many, many thanks to the YLC Suit Drive Chairs, Kyle Tompkins, Kateah McMasters and Kevin Sheahan for coordinating a successful suit drive. The drive resulted in the most donations PCBA has ever gathered-- all for the benefit of the Career Center and Hope Store at Dream Center Peoria.

I also want to thank and recognize Linda and Stephanie for all of their efforts to make the March Brown Bag events a hit. These free and informative lunch sessions are another one of the great benefits that you get as a PCBA member.

Similarly, we have opened signups for the June 6, 2018 PCBA Professional Responsibility Seminar. As our members know, for the two-year reporting period ending in 2019, at least one of the six Professional Responsibility CLE hours must be in the area of diversity and inclusion, and another one of those hours must be in the area of mental health and substance abuse (Rule 794). The CLE committee has worked very hard to find great speakers for the June 6th seminar, which we believe will provide attendees with two hours of PMCLE credit that meet the new requirements. The mental health segment will be covered by Dr. Ryan Finkenbine, Professor and Chair of the Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology Center at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. and the diversity/inclusion segment will be presented by Justi Miller, an attorney from State Farm in Bloomington. Due to circumstances not within our control, this seminar will not be recorded and will not be available for viewing after June 6.

## Court News By Chief Judge Paul P. Gilfillan

- 1) Attention 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit family law counsel and litigants: "Children's First" (CF) through ICC is still the required program in the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit. The on-line parenting classes, in lieu of CF, may only be used if CF is impracticable and with court permission. Any such permission should be reflected in a court order. If so, then a party may only substitute the on-line program through: [www.10thIL.OnlineParentingPrograms.com](http://www.10thIL.OnlineParentingPrograms.com). Failure to comply with this protocol may result in a party having to repeat the classes.
- 2) Peoria County has installed new electronic dockets at the Main St. and Jefferson St. entrances to the courthouse. They will direct attorneys and members of the public to the case name, courtroom, time of hearing and case number.
- 3) For budget reasons, the Ill. Sup. Ct. has decided not to appoint, in advance, the uncontested November 2018 elected judgeships prior to the swearing in of same on December 3, 2018, absent "extreme extenuating circumstances." This includes the Stark County resident circuit judgeship.
- 4) Hope to see you all at the Law Day luncheon on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>!

Peoria County Courthouse Docket			
PARTY NAME	ROOM	TIME	CASE NUMBER
MOLES, JASON MATTHEW	E-1201	1:00 PM	12-1-01035-4
MORENO, LUIS	E-1201	1:00 PM	12-1-00261-1
MORRIS, DERRICK MICAH D	E-1201	9:00 AM	11-1-08345-1
MOYNIHAN, DAVID ANTHONY	E-1201	1:00 PM	12-1-03051-7

## Law Day Luncheon

The Young Lawyers Committee is excited to have former Congressman and U.S. Transportation Secretary, Ray LaHood, as the keynote speaker at this year's Law Day Luncheon. We will be welcoming the Honorable Sean W. Donahue to the bench as well as celebrating the following attorneys and their 50 years since admission to the bar: **A. Lou Benassi, Ronald L. Hamm, Arthur J. Inman, Frederick A. Johnson, Kent A. Noble, Maximilian M. Prusak, Raymond C. Rose, Ronald B. Schertz and Lawrence M. Solomon.** As always, we will announce the winners of the Law Day Essay Contest from our local Middle Schools. The cost is \$40 per person or \$400 for a table of ten. To register, go to [www.peoriabar.org](http://www.peoriabar.org) and click on the Law Day Luncheon on the event calendar, or by clicking here: [https://pcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=87&club\\_id=63892&item\\_id=777427](https://pcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=63892&item_id=777427)

## **Schedule of Events & Court Holidays**

### **APRIL**

- 12 Workers' Compensation Case Law Update with Kevin Elder and Jessica Bell, 12:00 p.m. at Two25 Restaurant
- 13 Family Law Tax Seminar, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center
- 19 Law Day Luncheon, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center

### **MAY**

- 8 New Members' Luncheon, 11:45 – 1:00 p.m. at Jim's Steak House (basement of Janssen Building) Invitation only.
- 24 Memorial Service – Details forthcoming

### ***Did you know...***

- Did you miss a seminar and need MCLE credit? All of our recorded seminars are put on VIMEO – a video hosting website that makes it easy for you to watch seminars right on your laptop, desktop, phone or tablet! You can even download the seminar to your device so you don't have to be connected to the internet to watch it. This is great for those who want to work on their long car or plane rides and won't have access to the internet. For more information, contact Stephanie at [pcbaasst@mtco.com](mailto:pcbaasst@mtco.com).

### **Committee Meetings** *Meetings are at noon at the PCBA office unless otherwise noted.*

#### **APRIL**

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3 Real Property	11 Lincoln Memorial Banquet	23 Substantive Law Section
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### **Entertainment** *From Shaun Cusack, incoming Golf Chair*

Mark your calendars for the PCBA's **2018 Golf Outing!** This year's event will take place on **August 10, 2018**, at **WeaverRidge Golf Club**. Shaun has broken from tradition this year by setting the event for a **FRIDAY!** Registration begins in June.

### **Fitness Health & Wellness** *by Mike Fleming*

Our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Strides for Justice 5K run/walk is set for Saturday morning, September 29, 2018! We want to see more of our members, families, and staff out there participating in the 1-mile walk or walking or running (or both) the 3.1-mile course.

For those who would like to get some walking or running in beforehand, there are myriad opportunities. Starting on Wednesday, April 11, there will be a large group meeting at the River Plex every Wednesday to do a couple of miles or so on the Riverfront Trail, in a variety of pace groups, using run/walk intervals to allow participants to gradually ease into this exercise. These informal events will set off at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday. On Saturday mornings there are group runs/walks with varying distances available, and on Sunday mornings usually the same. All of these activities can be monitored for details (place, time, etc. each week) on the Run309 Facebook page. Check it out!! And get up and get out to some or many of these activities and help get yourself fit!

Running Central and the Illinois Valley Striders sponsor more formal training groups as well, some already in progress and others starting up on April 9 or April 16, and/or later in the year—these do involve a fee but can be very helpful for those who need a little guidance in their run/walk endeavors. See [www.runningcentral.com/training](http://www.runningcentral.com/training) for details. Please contact me at [mfleming@cqolawfirm.com](mailto:mfleming@cqolawfirm.com) or 637-5002 if you have any questions.

**Golf anyone?** The Fitness, Health & Wellness Committee is putting together a summer golf group. We will be playing 9 holes twice a month on a weekday evening (to be determined) at Peoria Park District golf courses. We are currently exploring options for group or other discounted rates for our members. If you are interested in playing or have any questions, please contact Logan Block ([lblock@quinnjohnston.com](mailto:lblock@quinnjohnston.com))

## **Local Continuing Legal Education**

*Details on upcoming programs:*

**April 12 Workers' Compensation Seminar: Case Law Update from Kevin Elder & Jessica Bell** – This seminar will be at noon at Two25, 225 NE Adams St. The cost is \$35 and includes the delicious and nutritious salad and pizza bar and provides one (1) hour of general MCLE credit. Seating is limited to 25 attendees and the time of publication, 6 seats remain. **This seminar will not be recorded.**

**April 13 Family Law Tax Seminar** – This seminar will be held on Friday, April 13 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Attorney and CPA Jeffrey W. Brend will be speaking on the new tax laws that will affect not only family law, but any area of practice. The cost is \$65 for PCBA members and includes two (2) hours of general MCLE credit. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

**June 6 Professional Responsibility** – This seminar will be from noon – 2:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center. The lunch buffet will open at 11:30 a.m. This seminar provides 1 hour of Mental Health by Dr. Finkenbine plus 1 hour of Diversity/Inclusion by Justi Miller and will fulfill the new Illinois Supreme Court Requirements. **This is a LIVE ONLY seminar, it will not be recorded.**

**Appellate Practice** - A new seminar has been scheduled for **September 12**, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Topics include an overview of appellate practice and the appeal process, preserving error for appeal during trial, final orders and interlocutory appeal options, post-trial motions and notices of appeal and cross appeal, e-filing, a moderated panel of specialties (work comp, domestic and family, administrative review and criminal), and concludes with a moderated panel discussion with appellate justices. Mark your calendar for this seminar -- four hours general MCLE credit.

You can register for any of these seminars by visiting our event calendar on the website, or by clicking this link:

[https://pcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=2&club\\_id=63892](https://pcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=2&club_id=63892)

**October Tried & True: Part V – The Appeal** Kevin Miller and crew are at it again! Details forthcoming for this annual professional responsibility seminar.

## **Membership**

We received an application for membership from **Katie Reynolds**. Katie is an associate attorney at Fleming Law Office in Peoria. This application will be presented to the Board in May for approval.

The **New Members' Luncheon** will be held on Tuesday, **May 8** at Jim's Steak House. This is an invitation only event. The **New Members' Reception** will be held **June 7** at Obed & Isaac's, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. All attorneys and judges may join us in welcoming our newest members. Complimentary beverages and appetizers.

## **Substantive Law – Section News**

The quarterly newsletter was emailed to all members on March 26. If you did not receive the email, please contact Stephanie at [pcbaasst@mtco.com](mailto:pcbaasst@mtco.com).

## **Workers' Compensation Section**

Thank you to Heyl Royster for use of their Learning Center for the Lunch with the Arbitrator and Commissioner event on March 14.

## **Prairie State Legal Services**

We would like to thank the following attorneys, paralegals, and other support staff who have assisted low income persons and recently closed pro bono cases:

Syed Ahmad, Sumner Bourne, Michael Brandt, Mary Corrigan, Christopher Crawford, Spencer Daniels, Abigail Fleming, Scott Kriegsman, Brian Lutz, Timothy McCarthy, Kateah McMasters, Valerie Moehle, Thomas O'Neal, Ann Pieper, Drew Quitschau, Brandon Sarff, Jessica Sarff, Marci Shoff, Jaime Skinner, Kate Swise, Seth TeBeest, James Van Rheedeen and Kevin Wolfe.

## **Upcoming Pro Bono Opportunities**

**2018 Peoria Criminal Record Expungement Summit - Saturday, July 21, 2018 (10am until 4pm) (location to be determined)**

Prairie State will be holding another summit in conjunction with Representative Jehan Gordon Booth's office similar to the summit held last spring. During the Summit, pro bono attorneys will meet one-on-one with Summit participants and advise them on their rights, responsibilities and options relating to their criminal history and provide pro se assistance with drafting requests to seal or expunge. Client criminal records will have been obtained and charted by Prairie State. Pro bono attorneys can choose to volunteer all day or pick

a shift from 9am-1pm or 12pm-4pm. We are hoping to have about 40 pro bono attorneys to volunteer this day in order to help as many clients as we can.

Prairie State will provide training for the Summit in early June for Free CLE credit for summit volunteers. This will be a 2 hour training that will cover the 2017 amendments to the Criminal Identification Act. Please consider volunteering for one or both of these opportunities! You can sign up to volunteer by calling me at (309)621- 4005 or emailing me at [kwhetstone@pslegal.org](mailto:kwhetstone@pslegal.org)

### **Lawyers for Justice Celebration**

Prairie State has recently launched a Lawyers for Justice Campaign to raise funds and awareness for the work of Prairie State Legal Services. We will be having a celebration to highlight this work and the generosity of our community on Thursday May 10, 2018 at Kelleher's Irish Pub at 5pm. Tickets are available for purchase at [www.pslegal.org](http://www.pslegal.org). Thank you for your support!

### **Job Openings & Office Space Available**

Job openings and office space available can be found on the homepage of our website or by clicking the following links:

[Job Openings](#) and [Office Space](#)

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