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

Message from the President

April is a relatively quiet month for the PCBA. It is a chance to catch our breath as we enter the last quarter of our fiscal year. But, at last, Spring is here and the May flowers (and events) will be blooming.

On May 2, 2019, we have our annual Law Day Luncheon at 11:30 A.M. at the Pastoral Center. Our keynote speaker will be the Dean of the University of Illinois College of Law, Vikram David Amar. We will honor eight members of our Association who have been members of the Illinois' Bar for 50 years and we will welcome Judge Bruce P. Fehrenbacher. Additional information and tickets are available at the PCBA website.

May 10, 2019, brings the Professional Responsibility Seminar with those elusive hours (2) for mental health/substance abuse and diversity/inclusion. Those in the second half of the alphabet would be well served by attending this event since it is their year to report. Sign up on the website!

Finally, May 23, 2019, brings our annual Memorial Service at the Peoria County Courthouse (3:00 PM) followed by a Reception at Heyl Royster immediately following. Please come and remember the members we have lost since May of 2018.

Hope to see you all at these Original Social Media events coming soon to a Bar Association near you!



Court News *By Chief Judge Paul P. Gilfillan*



WANTED: A few good court reporters. The Tenth Circuit is currently seeking to hire two official court reporters. This position requires Illinois CSR (Certified Shorthand Reporter) licensure. Recent salary increases. Freelance experience credit. Additional transcript income. Interesting work environment. Teamwork approach. Excellent benefit package. Please contact Teresa Ozuna, Court Reporting Services Supervisor, at (309) 672-6990 or email tozuna@peoriacounty.org for questions or to apply.

At-Large Directors

Interested in being involved with the bar at Board level? Consider nomination to an At-Large seat on the Board. The petition can be found [here](#). Please return these to Linda at pcba@mtco.com by June 1.

New Seminar Check-in Process

Starting this summer, the MCLE Board is starting a new reporting process for course providers. In an effort to make this easy on everyone, our check-in process at seminars is changing. Attorneys are no longer required to sign in and out at the seminars. Instead, you will be checked in electronically by Linda and Stephanie at a check-in table. We will also make note of everyone as they leave. If you need to leave the seminar early, you must let Linda or Stephanie know so you can get a revised certificate. If we don't have record of you leaving, we will not be able to issue you a certificate. We appreciate your cooperation with these new changes.

Law Day School Presentations

We appreciate all the volunteers who will be speaking in area schools this month. If you are speaking to students, whether in classrooms or other student activities, please email Linda at pcba@mtco.com so we may recognize you in the Law Day Lunch printed program. We love to recognize members involved with such programs.

Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

APRIL

- 3** Appellate Practice Brown Bag Seminar – PCBA office, noon – 1:00 p.m.
- 8** Workers' Compensation Lunch – Meet the Arbitrator, noon – 1:00 p.m. at Two25
- 19** Good Friday – Courts and Courthouse Closed

MAY

- 2** Law Day Luncheon – Spalding Pastoral Center, noon – 1:00 p.m., lunch buffet opens at 11:30 a.m.
- 10** Professional Responsibility Seminar – Spalding Pastoral Center, noon – 2:00 p.m., lunch buffet opens at 11:30 a.m.

- 23 Memorial Service – Peoria County Courthouse, CR 210, 3:00 p.m.; reception to follow at Heyl Royster Learning Center
27 Memorial Day – Courts & Courthouse Closed

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

APRIL

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Committee Reports

Communications & Technology

The PCBA office is currently experiencing issues with sending emails to @gmail.com addresses and any domain email hosted by Gmail. Emails are not going through, or they are getting caught up in the SPAM folder. If you use Gmail and have not received emails from our MTCO address lately, please check your SPAM folder.

Entertainment – Annual Golf Outing

Save the date! Golf chair Shaun Cusack has announced that the Annual Golf Outing will be **Friday, August 9**, at **WeaverRidge Golf Club**. Mark your calendars now!



Fitness Health & Wellness: by Logan Block

At last, Spring is in the air and for all those that have been hibernating from the gym or have put away your walking or running shoes this winter, now is the time to spring back into your exercise routine. Before you get started, consider these ideas from fitness specialists about how to give your old workout a spring-cleaning to sort through what needs to stay and what needs to go in your routine.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/wellness/spring-cleaning-for-your-wellness-routine/2017/03/06/4e24ae04-fed0-11e6-8ebe-6e0dbe4f2bca_story.html?utm_term=.9d22e2440e38

Run/Walk Training

For any lawyers, staff, family and friends out there who want to try (or get back into) running or walking for exercise, the Illinois Valley Striders and RC Outfitters are running a 10-week program on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., starting on April 10. There is no cost.

This program, called “Steamboat Start”, is designed to help a non-runner be able to run or run/walk the 4-mile Steamboat Classic course (this year on Saturday, June 15), but is also helpful for our own Strides for Justice 5K, and just for anyone wanting to get some exercise. It will be somewhat similar to the IVS “Building Steam” program of past years.

All you need to do is show up at RC Outfitters (formerly Running Central), at 311 Water Street next to the Rhythm Kitchen, by 5:30 p.m., in some kind of footwear and clothing suitable for running and walking a couple of miles or so. You do not have to attend every one of the 10 Wednesday-evening sessions, but you should try to make most of them. No prior experience needed (or expected); if you can walk, you are eligible! Very understanding and attentive group leaders will help you. And again, it is free. If you have questions, contact Mike Fleming at 637-5002 or mflaming@cgolawfirm.com.

For anyone looking for more running opportunities, look for regular group runs on the Run309 Facebook page, typically on Wednesday evenings and Saturday and Sunday mornings, announced anywhere from a half-day to six days in advance.

Local Continuing Legal Education

2019 Winter Series

Civil Practice, Estate Planning, Probate & Elder Law, Employment Law, Family Law and The New Private Investigator in Town: GOOGLE, are all available on DVD and VIMEO. Contact Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com for more information.

2019 Brown Bag Series

The Commercial Law & Litigation, Federal Practice, Real Estate and Criminal Law Brown Bag Seminars are all available on VIMEO for free for our members! Appellate Practice will be available the week of April 8. Contact Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com to get your **FREE** 5 hours of MCLE credit.

May Professional Responsibility Seminar

May 10 at the Spalding Pastoral Center from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Interventionist Phil Scherer will speak on mental health and PCBA members William Loeffel and Yolanda Riley will speak on diversity and inclusion. Click [here](#) to register now and get those special credits!

Membership

We received an application for membership from **Greg Davis**. Greg is deputy general counsel at Compeer Financial. His application will be presented to the Board in May for approval.

Memorial Service



The Annual Memorial Service will be Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in Courtroom 210 of the Peoria County Courthouse. A reception will immediately follow at the Heyl Royster Learning Center. Chief Judge Paul Gilfillan will preside and Memorial Chair David Mueller is coordinating the presenters. This annual event is yet another unique long-standing initiative of the PCBA, for the purpose of remembering and honoring our members. The Memorial Resolutions are filed in the Circuit Clerk's office and become a part of the public record for all time. Several years ago, the Foundation felt it was important to

have time set aside after the formal courtroom presentations, for members to reminisce with heartwarming memories of their colleagues being remembered. We hope you will mark your calendar for May 23.

Substantive Law Committee

The next installment of the substantive law newsletter was sent on March 20 by email. If you missed it, please contact Stephanie at pcbassst@mtco.com to get a copy.

Young Lawyers Committee



The **2019 Law Day Luncheon** will be held on **Thursday, May 2, 2019**, at the Spalding Pastoral Center at noon! This year's theme is Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society. Our keynote speaker is Dean Vikram David Amar from the University of Illinois College of Law. We will be welcoming our newest 10th Circuit Judge, Honorable Bruce P. Fehrenbacher, to the Bench and honoring the following 50-year members: Patricia C. Benassi, James D. Broadway, Bradley W. Dunham, Richard N. Gentry, Donald M. Hartshorn, R. Michael Henderson, J. Phillip Krajewski and John R. Pusey. Our Law Day Essay Contest winners will also be announced. Cost is \$40 per

person, or \$400 for a table of 10. The lunch buffet will begin at 11:30 a.m. The deadline to register is Monday, April 29, at noon and can be completed by [clicking here](#). Thanks go to our Law Day Subcommittee (from left to right): Kevin Day, Chair, Kyle Tompkins, Speaker Chair, Beverly Jones, School Speaker Chair, and Julie Hagen, Essay Contest Chair.



Other News

LAP News

To read a book review of *The Lawyers' Light, Daily Meditations for Growth and Recovery* from the LAP, click the link below: <https://illinoislap.org/uncategorized/book-review-the-lawyers-light-daily-meditations-for-growth-and-recovery/>

Guy Fraker Presentation

On Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m., the Friends of the Cullom-Davis Library is having a program titled "Lincoln in Peoria: A Lawyer's View," free of charge, in the Wyckoff room on the main floor of the Bradley Library. The speaker is retired Bloomington attorney and author, Guy Fraker. Guy will speak on Lincoln's impact on Illinois and the state's impact on Lincoln.

Will Search

If you know the whereabouts of the last will of Lynette E. Maier, f/k/a Lynette E. Cousineau, DOB: 2/8/1959 DOD: 3/9/2019, please contact Anne Bartolo (abartolo@hrbklaw.com, 309-688-9400) or Erika Teverbaugh (eteverbaugh@hrbklaw.com, 309-688-9400).

If you know the whereabouts of the last will of Marla J. Scholl, DOB: 7/28/1945 DOD: 3/26/2019, please contact the Office of Moehle, Swearingen & Lobacz, Ltd. at 309-347-4141.

Directory Changes

Schricker, Grant – Cordis & Cordis Law, P.O. Box 445, Princeville, 61551. Phone: 309-385-4616 Email: gschricker@cordislaw.com

Job Openings | Office Space Available | Misc.

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](#) (office space section includes property for sale)

For sale: Vintage Stow & Davis solid mahogany executive desk with credenza. \$2500 for both. Desk 72w x 29h x 36d. Credenza 72w x 29h x 24d. Very good condition. Pulls are polished aluminum. Glass tops available. Desk has three very deep file drawers and three smaller drawers. Credenza has two very large file drawers and a two-door cabinet. Contact Theresa Hardesty at 309-253-1087 or trhadopt@comcast.net.

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PEORIA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

Did you know that the PCBA has a charitable arm – the PCBA Foundation? It is a 501(c)(3) entity and contributions may be tax deductible. Many new members, as well as some long-time members, may be unaware of that fact. Distributions from the Foundation benefit such things as the Gerald M. Brookhart Arts in Education program that we all enjoy in the Spring at the Courthouse plaza. The Lela Post Scholarship at Illinois Central College is also a benefactor. The Diversity Scholarship may have the most significant impact on young lives, having distributed over \$76,000.

At the Annual Meeting in 2020, the next Pillars of the Bar event will be held, which is a fundraiser for the Foundation and honors outstanding members of the PCBA. More information on this stellar event is forthcoming.

The Foundation Board consists of the PCBA officers, the Chief Judge of the Tenth Circuit, and three at-large trustees (listed below). The Foundation receives contributions from members who pledge to contribute at varying levels. You may also contribute on a one-time basis. Enclosed with this issue is a pledge form. The pledge form can also be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

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