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

Message from the President

You may have noticed the new picture at the top of this article. I am humbled (some folks will tell you that may be the first time) and honored to take over as President of the PCBA.



As Dylan wrote fifty-odd years ago, "the times they are a-changin'." This year is setting up to be a year of firsts for PCBA.

We have our first Co-Executive Directors, with Stephanie stepping up and joining Linda reporting directly to the Board and being directly responsible for the programs and committees she supports. They offer great promise as a team, and will help us deliver improved service to our members. We look forward to a great working relationship, and hopefully taking some of the work and stress off Linda.

We have a new 'lean and mean' budget for the year with a few items unfortunately eliminated or reduced, but also some plans for improving on the future. We are exploring with the PCBA Foundation Board transferring sponsorship of some of the fund-raiser events to the Foundation. The membership may not notice change in the events, but it should help streamline PCBA's budget and more closely align the functions of PCBA and the Foundation.

We have some changes on the PCBA Board. For the first time since 1982, John Nicoara is not on the Board. PCBA won't know what to do without him, but we'll somehow make it through the year. Because only three people sought election as At Large Director, I've implemented my mantra of "think outside the box," by appointing one of our young members to the vacant position. Kaleigh Stevens of Johnson, Bunce & Noble will be joining the Board as the fourth At Large Director and learning the ropes of what PCBA is all about.

The Holiday Party and Lincoln Banquet Committees have already met and are planning events that everyone will want to attend. The CLE Committee is hard at work, and presenting an additional program this year, an October seminar – Can't Touch This! – on ethics and uses of the various types of no-contact orders.

We have the best bar association in the state. The Board, the Committees, and our staff are going to be working hard to maintain and lengthen our lead this year. We have only one commandment: maintain PCBA as an organization of which you'll be proud of as members. We'll try to do that by offering new ideas and approaches.

Why don't you join a committee and join the effort?

Mike Gifford

Court News *By Chief Judge Paul P. Gilfillan*



1. 25 attorneys apply for two Associate Judge openings in the TENTH. For more information, go to 10thcircuitcourtil.org under NEWS.
2. A new Order of Protection form suite is now posted on the illinoiscourts.gov website under Access To Justice forms.
3. For collections attorneys, please note Sup. Ct. Rule 280.2 and the corresponding part of the Article II forms index has been amended. See illinoiscourts.gov website under Rules.
4. The Peoria County Circuit clerk's office is now accepting subsequent (meaning after the case is initially opened) e-filings in Juvenile cases as well as previously accepting same in all Criminal and DT cases.

Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

AUGUST

9 PCBA Annual Golf Outing, WeaverRidge Golf Club, registration noon; tee-off 1:00, dinner buffet at 5:30 followed by awards

SEPTEMBER

2 Labor Day, Courts and Courthouse closed

18 Diversity Luncheon, Spalding Pastoral Center, 11:30 am. – 1:00 p.m., Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx keynote speaker

28 Strides for Justice, Check-in at Tower Park, Peoria Heights 7:00, race at 8:00 a.m. along Grandview Drive, after party at Oliver's

OCTOBER

14 Professional Responsibility + Protective Remedies, First United Methodist Church, Part 1: 8:00 check-in and continental breakfast; 8:30 – 10:30 seminar; Part 2: 11:30 check-in and pizza lunch; 12:00 – 3:00 seminar.

14 Columbus Day – Courts Closed/Courthouse Open

Committee Meetings

Meetings are at noon at the PCBA office unless otherwise noted

AUGUST

2	Fitness, Health & Wellness	12	Estate Planning & Probate Section	19	Criminal Law Section
5	Civil Practice Section	13	Commercial Law Section	20	Board of Directors
6	Real Property	14	Workers' Compensation Section	27	Local Continuing Legal Education
7	Diversity	15	Family Law Section		
8	Young Lawyers	16	Lincoln Memorial Banquet		

ANNUAL MEETING & NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION

Over fifty attorneys and judges attended our event on Monday, July 8, 2019, to welcome new members and conduct the annual business meeting. Held in the Renaissance Room of The Janssen Building, appetizers and beverages added to the enjoyable evening of camaraderie. The event was also fiscally responsible, due to our generous sponsors: Jay Janssen; Edward Jones (Vince Bruno), Sivertsen Reporting Service (Lea Cohen), Hasselberg Grebe



Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth, Heyl Royster, Howard & Howard; Johnson, Bunce & Noble; Knight Nicasastro MacKay; Miller, Hall & Triggs; Quinn Johnston; and Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller. New PCBA officers are shown above, left to right: Ambrose V. McCall, President-Elect, Michael D. Gifford, President, Richard W. Zuckerman, Immediate Past President and Nominating Chair, Emily H. Wilburn, Second Vice President, and Michael A. Fleming, Secretary-Treasurer. The Annual Report for 2018-19 may be found at www.peoriabar.org. Photo: Joshua D. Herman

Committee Reports

If you would like to join a committee, see the last page of this newsletter for the list of committees and respective chairpersons. Contact the chair so he/she will be aware of your interest and add your name to the list of participants. If you currently receive calendar notices of committee meetings and no longer wish to be on the committee, please contact Linda at pcba@mtco.com.

Communications & Technology



We are still working on the 2019-20 Attorneys' Directory. We hope to send it to the printer this month and get the directories in early September for distribution. Please check your current listing and email any changes to Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com as soon as possible. We welcome new chair Robert Tenney this year. If you have any questions regarding technology at the PCBA, Robert's your guy.

Diversity



New chair Christopher McCall invites you to the 16th Annual Diversity Luncheon scheduled for **Wednesday, September 18, 2019**, at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx will be the keynote speaker. Registration is now open and can be done by visiting our website at www.peoriabar.org and clicking on our event calendar. The winners of the Robert H. Jennetten Diversity Scholarship will be announced and area high school and college students will be our invited guests.

Entertainment – Part I: Annual Golf Outing



The PCBA Annual Golf Outing will be **Friday, August 9**, at **WeaverRidge Golf Club**. *Rain date is Friday, August 23.* Although the golf reservation deadline is past, if you would like to come to the buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m., register online by clicking the link below or visiting our website and clicking on the event calendar.

http://www.peoriabar.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=63892&item_id=1016072

Reservations for dinner must be made by August 5.

We'd like to thank Shaun Cusack for his oversight on this event for the second year in a row.

Entertainment – Part II: Holiday Party

Save the Date! The PCBA Annual Holiday Party will be on **Thursday, December 12**, at The Warehouse on State! Mark your calendars now! New Holiday Party Chair Kateah McMasters is already rallying the troops for another great event in December.



Fitness Health & Wellness *By J. Logan Block*



We welcome new committee chair J.D. VanRheeden (far left) as this year's leader of the Fitness, Health & Wellness Committee. We thank committee member Logan Block for his article this month (below). If you'd like to join this committee, there is always a need for articles and new ideas for projects are welcome. Contact Stephanie pcbaasst@mtco.com to be added to calendar notices of meetings for this vibrant group.

Just in case you need any more reasons to run the **PCBA Strides for Justice 5k Race on September 28, 2019**, check out this Runner's World web article about science-backed ways running improves your health. Scientists have shown that running vastly improves the quality of your emotional and mental life. It also helps you live longer. Here's how: <https://www.runnersworld.com/beginner/a20847956/6-ways-running-improves-your-health-0/>

Local Continuing Legal Education

New CLE Chair Ann Pieper is off and running with an impressive thought-provoking seminar on protective remedies: **Professional Responsibility plus "Protective Remedies" seminar** – Columbus Day (obsvd.), Monday, October 14 at First United Methodist Church, 116 NE Madison, downtown Peoria (Ann Pieper, Chair)

Work Comp Annual CLE - November 7, 1:30 – 4:30 at Heyl Royster Learning Center (Jessica Bell, Chair)

2020 Winter Series CLE: Saturday, January 11 – Family law and professional responsibility; Friday, January 17; Saturday, January 25; Friday, January 31; and Saturday, February 8. Topics to be determined.



Membership

We received an application for student membership from Timothy Higus and an application for renewal of membership from Grace Gomez (Mata). Timothy is a student at Loyola and Grace has returned to practice at Howard & Howard Attorneys. *Welcome back!*



Real Property



On Tuesday, August 6, the Real Property Committee will hold their first meeting of the new fiscal year, under the leadership of David Wiest and Joe Gilfillan, chair and vice chair, respectively. They are pleased to announce David Wentworth will present on emerging real estate issues related to the recent passage of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, including: Landlord/Tenant Issues; Title Insurance; and Zoning & Land Use. Lunch is being sponsored by Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth. For Real Property Committee members only and RSVP necessary. If you would like to become a committee member, let Linda at pcba@mtco.com know in advance of the meeting.

Substantive Law



New committee chair, J. Kevin Wolfe, invites you to consider joining one of our sections that is relevant to your area of practice: Appellate Practice, Civil Practice (Joshua Smith, Chair), Commercial Law & Litigation (Thomas McConnaughay, Chair), Criminal Law (Joseph Borsberry, Chair), Estate Planning & Probate (Marci Shoff, Chair), Family Law (Kelly Girauda, Chair), Federal Practice (Michael Lied, Chair) or Workers' Compensation (Jessica Bell, Chair). The sections will be meeting in August to determine potential CLE topics for PCBA programming during 2019-20. Now is the time to join a section and get involved.

Workers' Compensation Jessica Bell invites the WC section members to their first social of the new year on Thursday, August 22, at 5:00 at Obed & Isaac's. No reservations needed – just show up!

Young Lawyers



New YLC Chair Kyle Tompkins is no stranger to the hard work of our most active committee in the PCBA! Kyle has worked on everything from Blood Drives to Project Santa and Law Day, and more. If you are a young lawyer (under age 36) sign up today and get involved. The networking with the Peoria area is invaluable, and many friends will be made along the way. Contact Stephanie pcbaasst@mtco.com to join and begin receiving notices of meetings (and socials, too!).

Other News

"Helping Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Seek Justice" CLE Program

Prairie State Legal Services, together with the Central District of Illinois Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois, presents "Helping Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Seek Justice." This will be a free CLE program and lunch on **August 28, 2019, at 12:00-1:30 p.m.** at the federal courthouse in Peoria, located at 100 N.E. Monroe Street, to learn more about how to help survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse seek justice.

On September 4, 2018, President Trump signed the "Pro Bono Work to Empower and Represent Act of 2018," also known as the "Power Act." Under the Power Act, the Chief Judge in each judicial district must lead at least one public event with a state or local domestic service provider promoting pro bono legal services as a critical way in which to empower, and assist, survivors of domestic violence.

The cost is FREE. Attendees will receive 1.5 hours of CLE credit and FREE lunch. Please see the attached flyer for complete information. The agenda includes presentations from Hon. James Shadid, Hon. Lisa Wilson, Hon. Suzanne Patton, Denise Conklin, Esq., and staff from The Center for Prevention of Abuse.

Please RSVP your reservation to Cathy Geier at Cathy_Geier@ilcd.uscourts.gov by **August 23, 2019**.

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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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