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

Message from the President



Although winter is still with us, our colder weather CLE series has successfully concluded. We are fortunate to have a great CLE committee that works hard to secure speakers and provide valuable and pertinent content to us. Many thanks to Emily Wilburn, the CLE committee, and all of our presenters and speakers. Our next event, the 110th Lincoln Memorial Banquet, is quickly approaching. Join us on February 15 at a new venue to socialize and celebrate the life of Abraham Lincoln. Good food, good company, and we will learn Lessons from Lawyer Lincoln from our dynamic featured speaker, retired judge Ron Spears.

Court News *By Chief Judge Paul P. Giffillan*

1) Stark County resident circuit judge Thomas Keith has submitted his letter of resignation, effective March 30, 2018. Information as to a possible assignment of an interim appointment, prior to the newly elected resident judge taking over on December 3, 2018, will be disclosed as it becomes available.

2) Please consider attending the PCBA Lincoln Day Banquet on Thursday, February 15th. FYI, judge Ron Spears (ret.) is an excellent speaker. This is always a wonderful evening.

Diversity

It's that time of year again! The Diversity Committee is now accepting applications for the 2018 PCBA **Robert H. Jennetten Diversity Scholarship** program. Please encourage any law students you may know to apply, especially those from Peoria and surrounding areas. The deadline for submissions will be July 16, 2018. Let's continue to promote diversity and attract future attorneys to our legal community and to our outstanding organization.

The application can be found online at the following link:

https://pcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=63892&module_id=254490

If you would like to make a pledge to contribute to the scholarship fund, just send the pledge (found here:

https://pcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=331&club_id=63892&item_id=9647), along with the first payment, to the PCBA Foundation.



Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

February

12 Lincoln's Birthday - Courts Closed/Courthouse Open

15 **Lincoln Memorial Banquet – Holiday Inn & Suites at Grand Prairie – Cocktails 5:30 p.m. | Dinner 6:30 p.m.**

19 Presidents' Day - Courts & Courthouse Closed

March

7 Commercial Law & Litigation Brown Bag Seminar, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the PCBA Office. **Seating limited - registration required.**

14 Cyber Safety by Pearl Technologies Brown Bag Seminar, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the PCBA Office. **Seating limited – registration required.**

21 Real Estate Closings Brown Bag Seminar, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the PCBA Office. **Seating limited – registration required.**

28 Appellate Practice Brown Bag Seminar, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the PCBA Office. **Seating limited – registration required.**

30 Good Friday - Courts & Courthouse Closed

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

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Fitness Health & Wellness *by Kyle Tompkins, Chair*

Fitness and Technology

Technology is advancing every aspect of our lives, and health and fitness is no exception. There are now mobile applications (“Apps”) dedicated to helping individuals reach their health and fitness goals whether it is training for a marathon or living a healthier life, one day at a time. Some of these Apps work by readily providing information in relation to eating a healthy diet or regulating sleep cycles. Other Apps hold the user accountable for their fitness by tracking daily workout routines or calorie intake and nutrition. Whatever your goals are, there is probably an App for you.

Follow the attached link to find some of the best health and fitness Apps out right now according to Active.com, a leader in online event registration: [Health and Fitness Apps](#).

Local Continuing Legal Education

2018 Brown Bag Seminars

This year’s lineup for the annual series includes: March 7, Commercial Law & Litigation (Changes to the LLC Act by Mary Corrigan and Post-Judgment Collections (including a segment on e-filing) by Brad Barber; March 14, Cyber Safety by Paul Welch of Pearl Technology; March 21, Real Estate Closings by Bob Coletta and Christopher Oswald; and March 28, Appellate Practice – Using Standard of Review by Anne Mergen and Brad Elward. These one-hour seminars are free for PCBA members and lunch is provided; **advance registration required**. As with all of the PCBA’s seminars, the Brown Bag series will be available on DVD or On Demand.

The 2018 Winter Series seminars are now available on **DVD and On Demand**. The cost (per seminar) is \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members. Contact Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com to purchase.

June 6 Professional Responsibility – 1 hour of Mental Health by Dr. Finkenbine plus 1 hour of Diversity/Inclusion. This seminar will fulfill the new Illinois Supreme Court Requirements.

Membership

We received applications for membership from Ryan Harding, Kevin O. Sheahan, Douglas B. Johnson, and Peter R. Dluski., We also received an application for student membership from Breeia N. Little. These applications will be presented to the Board in March for approval. Ryan is a Clerk for Illinois Courts in Urbana, Kevin is an associate attorney with Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth, Peter is an attorney with Habecker & Morris, LLC and Douglas Johnson is an attorney with Johnson Law Group, LLC. Breeia is attending Indiana University Mauer School of Law and anticipates graduating in 2018.

Young Lawyers Committee

Save the date! The Young Lawyers committee will be holding their annual Law Day Luncheon on **Thursday, April 19** at noon at the Spalding Pastoral Center in Peoria. This year’s speaker is former U.S. Secretary of Transportation and Congressman, Ray LaHood. Essay contest winners will be announced at the April 19 event, and **Paige Blumenshine** from Quinn Johnston is in charge of this year’s Law Day Essay Contest. We will also recognize our members who are celebrating 50 years since their admission to the bar: **Arthur J. Inman, A. Lou Benassi, Ronald L. Hamm, Frederick A. Johnson, Kent A. Noble, Maximilian M. Prusak, Raymond C. Rose and Ronald B. Schertz**. Reservation information is forthcoming.

Other News

The Illinois Lawyers’ Assistance Program will be holding their annual Joseph R. Bartylak Dinner on Thursday, April 5, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at The Waterhouse, 316 SW Washington in Peoria. This year’s keynote speaker is one of our 10th Judicial Circuit Judges (and PCBA past President), Honorable Lisa Y. Wilson. To register, click the following link: <https://2018bartylakdinner.eventbrite.com>

Will Search

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the last will and testament of John R. Rowland, DOB: 05/29/1970 – DOD: 12/25/2017, please contact Lisa at office@MSandLLegal.com

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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