



# LegalEase

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

## **President's Page**

Happy New Year! I'm giving everyone one month off reading my President's Message. In exchange, I would like to see all smiling faces at the Lincoln Memorial Banquet on February 20, 2020.



## **Court News** *By Chief Judge Paul P. Gilfillan*

### JANUARY NEWS:



1. Peoria County Director of Court Services/Probation Dan Hunt has resigned to accept the position of Assistant Director at the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts (AOIC), Probation Services Division. He will be responsible for implementation of Supreme Court Pre-trial/Probation policy state-wide in this new role. This is a remarkable tribute to Dan, Peoria County and the Courts. His experience, leadership and wisdom will be deeply missed. His successor will be announced on the 10<sup>th</sup> circuit's website, 10thcircuitcourtil.org in due course.
2. 2020 judicial assignments in the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit can be found on the website.
3. Here's wishing all officers, members and staff of the best bar association in the State of Illinois a healthy, happy and civil new year.

## **PCBA Members Assisting Service Members**

We would like to thank Mary Corrigan (right) of Howard & Howard Attorneys, PLLC, who assisted a vet being deployed in preparing Powers of Attorney and other related documents. We appreciate all of our members who have assisted service members and Michael Lied of Howard & Howard who heads up this effort. Contact the PCBA office if you would like to be included on our list of volunteers.



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

### JANUARY

- 1 New Years' Day – Courts & Courthouse closed
- 11 Family Law Seminar – Spalding Pastoral Center, 8:30 – noon
- 17 Civil Practice Seminar – Spalding Pastoral Center, 1 – 4:30 p.m.
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Courts & Courthouse closed
- 25 New Laws in 2020 – Spalding Pastoral Center, 8:30 – noon
- 31 “Up in Smoke: Tearing up Old Law Criminalizing Demon Weed” – Spalding Pastoral Center, 1 – 4:30 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- 8 Estate Planning & Probate Seminar – Spalding Pastoral Center, 8:30 - noon
- 17 Presidents' Day – Courts & Courthouse closed
- 20 Lincoln Memorial Banquet – Embassy Suites in East Peoria, cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m.

## **Committee Meetings**

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

### January

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## **Committee Reports**

### **Entertainment – Part I: Golf Outing**

**Save-the-Date!** The PCBA Annual Golf Outing will be **Friday, August 28!** At the request of many of our golfers, we are heading back to Mt. Hawley Country Club this year! Mark your calendars now. Rain date is Friday, September 18.

## **Entertainment – Part II: Holiday Party**

Thank you to everyone who attended the PCBA Holiday Party on December 12! Once again, the entertainment committee pulled off a great roast to one of the PCBA's longtime members, John Nicoara. The financial success of the event would not have been possible without the following sponsors: Elam Investigations, Walden Investigative Group, LLC, Judge Michael McCuskey, Knight Nicastro MacKay, Howard & Howard, 2019-2020 PCBA Officers, Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller LLC, Heyl Royster, Collateral Base and Carter Law Offices.

## **Lincoln Memorial Banquet**



The 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Memorial Banquet will be held on **Thursday, February 20, 2020**, at **Embassy Suites in East Peoria**. Congresswoman Cheri L. Bustos will be the keynote speaker and the 2020 recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award will be recognized. Tickets are \$100 or \$1,000 for a table of ten. Members will be receiving email invitations in early January.

### **Distinguished Community Service Award**

Distinguished Community Service Award Nominations are due in just a few days. The recipient will be announced at the Lincoln Memorial Banquet. If you know an attorney who deserves this award, please visit the website at [www.peoriabar.org](http://www.peoriabar.org) and click on DCSA under the members tab. Here, you can submit your nomination online or download the form and submit it to the PCBA office. Nomination deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 3, 2020.

## **Local Continuing Legal Education**

### **2020 Winter Series CLE:**

Saturday, January 11 – Family Law & Professional Responsibility

Friday, January 17 – Civil Practice

Saturday, January 25 – New Laws in 2020

Friday, January 31 – Cannabis Seminar, “Up in Smoke: Tearing Up Old Law Criminalizing Demon Weed”

Saturday, February 8 – Estate Planning & Probate.

**Registration is now open and can be done by clicking [here](#), or visiting [www.peoriabar.org](http://www.peoriabar.org) and clicking on the event calendar.**

**Check out the back page for more information!**

Brown Bag Seminars coming every Wednesday in March – PCBA Members only – 5 hours of **FREE** CLE plus **FREE** lunch!

## **Membership**

We have received an application for membership from Masum Patel and an application for renewal from Jennifer Hahn. Masum attended Northern Illinois University and works at the City of Peoria. Both applications will be presented to the Board in February for approval.

## **Public Relations**

### **People's Law School**

The PCBA has partnered with Illinois Central College again this year for People's Law School. Presentations will be every Thursday in April. This year's program will include (from left to right): Intellectual Property by Seth TeBeest on April 2; Cannabis Laws by Jeff Hall on April 9; Self-Represented Litigants by Honorable Lisa Wilson on April 16; Workers' Compensation by Kevin Elder & Kevin Day on April 23 and Employment Law on April 30 by Athena Herman.



## **Young Lawyers**

### **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

Thank you to YLC member Kevin Sheahan for putting together the Salvation Army bell ringing for the young lawyer's committee. On December 5, Kevin Sheahan, Devin Taseff, Brad Barber, Kevin Day, Paige Blumenshine, Kyle Tompkins and JD VanRheeden rang the bell to raise money for the Salvation Army.

### **Project Santa**

A huge THANK YOU to all our members and their staff who participated in Project Santa. GiGi Gibson, Supervisor of Children and Youth Ministry, and all the kids at the South Side Mission are so appreciative of your generosity. We had a total of 66 sponsorships that included over \$700 in monetary donations.

Below (left to right): Kevin Sheahan, Devin Taseff, and GiGi Gibson, Logan Block and Brad Barber with all the collected gifts.



### **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](mailto:trhadopt@comcast.net).

**Free:** Judge Risinger has the following books available to anyone who may want them until January 15, 2020. -- Illinois Appellate Court Reports, 3d Series, 1972-2008, Volume 1-380. Contact Rena' Parker for more information [rkparker@peoriacounty.org](mailto:rkparker@peoriacounty.org)

### **2019-20 Board of Directors**

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# 2020 Winter Series

Spalding Pastoral Center, 419 NE Madison Ave.  
Friday afternoons & Saturday mornings in January & February

## **SATURDAY, January 11 - Family Law – Check-in and continental breakfast 8:00 a.m. | seminar 8:30 to noon**

Legislative Update by Richard W. Zuckerman  
Case Law Update by Norman D. McGill  
Pre-Nuptial Agreements by Charles J. Urban  
Maintenance by Mitch M. Gilfillan  
Mental Health/Compassion Fatigue by Dr. Ryan Finkenbine  
View from the Bench – Judges from the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Family Law Courts

## **FRIDAY, January 17 - Civil Practice – Check-in 12:30 | seminar 1:00 to 4:30 \*snacks provided at break\***

Torts in Business Law by Mike Lied  
Footpath Falls, Animal Brawls, and Sports Calls: A Personal Injury Assortment to Respond to your Neighbor by Mitch Gilfillan  
Mediator Panel  
A Modern Approach to the Ten Commandments of Cross Examination by Jeff Green  
Tort Law Update by Heyl Royster

## **SATURDAY, January 25 – New Illinois Laws and Amendments in 2020 - Check-in and continental breakfast 8:00 a.m. | seminar 8:30 to noon**

Are you sure that none of the over 500 enacted bills passed in Springfield affect your practice? Think again!

## **FRIDAY, January 31 – “Up in Smoke: Tearing up Old Law Criminalizing Demon Weed” - Check-in 12:30 | seminar 1:00 to 4:30 \*snacks provided at break\***

Criminal Aspects by Jeffrey R. Hall  
Application Process by Thomas E. Howard  
Employment Considerations for both Employers and Employees by Joshua D. Herman  
Municipalities and Regulations by Katherine L. Swise  
Real Estate by David L. Wentworth II

## **SATURDAY, February 8 – Estate Planning, Probate & Elder Law – Check-in and continental breakfast 8:00 a.m. | seminar 8:30 to noon**

New Trust Code by David Wiest  
Elder Abuse Panel by Anne Bartolo & Brian Fengel, State of Illinois Elder Abuse Task Force  
Residency Issues by Mary Corrigan  
Partitions of Heirs Property Act by James F. Kane  
To be determined topic by Kyle Tompkins  
Judges Panel

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Early Registration price: \$65 for PCBA Members|\$80 for McLean County Bar Members|\$95 for Non-Members

**PCBA “MEMBERS ONLY” DEAL – All 5 seminars for the price of 4, only \$260!**

Registration can be done online at [www.peoriabar.org](http://www.peoriabar.org) and clicking on the event calendar.

\*\*Registrations increase by \$15 the Monday before each seminar\*\*

### **Reminders:**

- Please include your ARDC number in your registration. We **must** have your number when we submit our attendance to the MCLE Board or you will not receive credit.
- You will receive materials by email the week of the seminar.
- Continental breakfast included at Saturday morning seminars; snacks provided for Friday afternoon seminars.
- **NEW!** - Attendance certificates will be emailed after the seminar.