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

Message from the President



It has been an honor to serve as Peoria County Bar Association president this year. I've enjoyed participating in PCBA events, welcoming new members, honoring departed members, talking to law students. It makes me proud to see our organization's strong relationship with the judiciary and to see our members engaged in community groups and schools, as well as the bar association.

Thank you to all of the active committee members and officers who are so vital to this organization. Committee chairs and active PCBA members are one reason the PCBA is able to provide valuable benefits to the membership. The main reason that this organization runs smoothly is the staff - Linda Raineri and Stephanie Bitner. A million thanks to them for everything they do on a daily basis. There simply would be no PCBA as we know it without them.

We are an evolving entity and we need your participation, your feedback, and your support if the PCBA is to continue on as a strong local bar association. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on July 9th at the Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette for the "changing of the guard."

Court News By Chief Judge Paul P. Gilfillan

The Peoria judges wish to thank the PCBA for sponsoring this summer's judicial interns: Alex Shane (SIU), Greg Nordstrom (NIU), and Beverly Garland (SIU). Judge Kelley supervises this worthwhile program.

The Tenth Circuit is pleased to announce the expansion of CASA to Tazewell County. Its new office is coming to Pekin (courtesy of attorney Burt Dancey and his partners out of the Eliff Dancey & Bosich office: Sue Bosich, Pat Oberle, and Fred Luke). CASA will also be expanding its reach to Marshall, Putnam and Stark in the very near future. Hence, the name change from CASA of Peoria County to CASA of the Tenth Circuit. Congratulations to its executive director Pam Perrilles and all of CASA's supervisors and volunteer advocates.

Annual Membership Dues

Dues notices were sent via email on June 15 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. If you haven't received an email (or overlooked it or deleted it) contact the PCBA for assistance in renewing your membership. The email has a link for you to click to renew. Thank you to over 120 members who have already renewed.

Annual Meeting

Remember to make your reservation for the Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers on **Monday, July 9, 2018, from 11:45 – 1:00 p.m. at the Peoria Marriott Père Marquette, Cotillion Ballroom**. A vote by the members will be taken regarding recent changes in the By-laws as well as approval of the incoming slate of officers. Please join us as we thank this year's dedicated Board of Directors and welcome the incoming Directors. Make your reservations today. The ticket price (\$40 pp or \$360 table of ten) includes buffet Italiano molto delizioso! **Deadline for reservations is Monday, July 2.** The event is sponsored by our friends at ISBA Mutual.

PCBA Members Assisting Service Members

We would like to thank **Gabriel Casey** (right) of Casey Law Office, who assisted a combat veteran and his wife who were facing a wrongful eviction action (dismissed) and also in a fair debt collection practice act violation. 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

JULY

- 4 Independence Day – Courts & Courthouse closed
- 9 Annual Meeting – Hotel Père Marquette, 11:45 – 1:00 p.m.

AUGUST

- 10 Golf Outing – WeaverRidge – 12:00 check-in; 1:00 shotgun tee off (scramble); and 5:30 Dinner buffet.
- 31 Golf Outing (RAIN DATE)

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day – Courts & Courthouse closed
- 12 Appellate Practice for the Trial Attorney – 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Spalding Pastoral Center

Committees

Remember to sign up for committees for the 2018-19 fiscal year. The best way to do this is to log in to the website and click "Committees." You may also email Linda at pcba@mtco.com. Thank you to all the members who stepped up to chair a committee this past year, and to all who have volunteered to do so for the coming year.

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

July		
24 Diversity Scholarship Subcommittee	25 Meet the Judges – Magistrate Judge Hawley	26 Fitness, Health & Wellness
August		
1 Lincoln Memorial Banquet	13 Civil Practice Section	21 Board of Directors
7 Real Property	14 CLE – Board Room	21 Foundation Trustees (following Board meeting)
9 YLC – R. W. Baird, Sponsor	14 Gov't Public Int. – Linda's office	

Committee Reports

Communications & Technology

GOOD NEWS! The Pictorial Directories have arrived! Distribution began at the June 6 CLE Seminar, so if you missed the seminar, stop by the PCBA office to pick up your directory. Pick up times are 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. The PCBA office is currently operating without Stephanie (maternity leave), so the office cannot be staffed continuously from 8:00 – 5:00, as usual.

Remember, the directories are FREE and are for members only. We thank **Butch Martin of Martin Financial Services** for supporting this project for many years.

Diversity

Save the Date! The 15th Annual Diversity Luncheon has been scheduled for **Wednesday, October 10, 2018**, at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Chief Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court, Timothy C. Evans, will be the keynote speaker. Please mark your calendars.

Reminder: **July 16 is the deadline for students to apply for the Robert H. Jennetten Diversity Scholarship.** If you know a local student who would be interested in applying, the link is

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

Entertainment *From Shaun Cusack, incoming Golf Chair*

Registration is now open 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!** Keeping in mind the time commitment for this event, we are experimenting with a "time-saving" outing, by means of a later check-in time, using a scramble format and having the buffet ready at 5:30. Rain date is scheduled for August 31. Enclosed is a flyer. Registration and payment can be done online at www.peoriabar.org and clicking on "2018 PCBA Golf Outing" on the event calendar.

Fitness Health & Wellness

What is a triathlon? *By Jennifer Wolfe*

A triathlon is a three-sport race which can be in a variety of distances ranging from Ultras to Minis. Traditionally, you swim first (drowning is less likely if you do this part first!), then bike, and lastly, you run (or by this time—stagger & jog/walk). Each leg is done back-to-back with a short transition after the swim and bike. The swim can either be in a pool or open water. The first triathlon in the United States is claimed to have been in San Diego on September 25, 1974; Triathlons are one of the most rapidly growing sports in popularity and made an Olympic debut at the Sydney Games in 2000. (If you are more adventurous—try an Xterra triathlon, which uses a mountain bike and trail run rather than paved roads.) I challenge you to join my family in our "Wolfe Pack 140.6 Monthly Challenge" and complete the Ironman Distances during July: 2.4 mile swim (~84 laps), 112 mile bike and 26.2 mile run!

If you're interested in trying-a-tri, please check out a local, family-friendly triathlon near Germantown Hills on Sunday, August 5, 2018; the 4th Annual Lake Santa Fe Triathlon offers 3 race distances. We are raising money to support the trails at Black Partridge Park, Metamora, IL. For more information see <https://www.facebook.com/events/2695541334024617> or ask Jen Wolfe (jen_wolfe1@yahoo.com).

Registration is open at www.stridesforjustice.com for this year's **Strides for Justice**, scheduled for **September 29, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. at Tower Park/Grandview Drive**. Mike Fleming facilitated a major promotion of the event at the recent Steamboat Classic race and we applaud his efforts! Remember, proceeds of the event benefit the Peoria office of Prairie State Legal Services, but the true beneficiaries of the event are their clients. Let us not forget the benefit to our runners! The mission of this committee is to encourage active lifestyles to enjoy healthier lives. We congratulate those who have made that choice. Join them this year and sign up today!

Local Continuing Legal Education

Remember, if you still need a few hours to comply with the MCLE Board's requirements, contact the PCBA for information on our recorded seminars.

Appellate Practice – Save the date: **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.

November 9 Tried & True: Part V – Save the date! This seminar will be held Friday, November 9, 11:30 check-in and lunch buffet, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. seminar at Spalding Pastoral Center.

Membership



The **New Members' Reception** on **June 7** at Kenny's Westside Pub, was attended by over 40 attorneys and judges. We appreciated Meador Investigations sponsoring the event to welcome our 2017-18 new members. At left, top row: Joseph Moran, Shane Mahoney, Katie Reynolds, Tyler Eathington, Brad Barber and Joe Cassidy; front row: Seth TeBeest, Membership Chair Mitch Gilfillan, Leanne Beyer, Kevin Sheahan and President Miller.

We have received an application for student membership from **Drew A. Blumenshine**. Drew is employed by the Bradley University Athletics Department and is joining the Young Lawyers Committee. His application will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval in August.

Vaya con Dios

April 26, 2018 – Last Appearance

Congratulations to PCBA Past President Tim Howard on his recent retirement. He shared this photograph of his last appearance in court, in Judge Gorman's courtroom.



Substantive Law

You should have received your quarterly Substantive Law Newsletter, which focused on family law cases. If you did not receive it or overlooked it just contact the PCBA.

Civil Practice Section From incoming Chair, J. Kevin Wolfe:

The Civil Practice section of the Substantive Law Committee is seeking volunteers to take over the task of preparing the annual Civil Case Law Update. As you all know, for years this was done by John Nicoara, and has recently been authored by Jeff Bach. Jeff has done an excellent job and has agreed to do this for 2018 – 2019. However, Jeff will be unable to commit to doing so after this coming year. The Section has discussed this process, and believes this is an excellent opportunity for firms with greater resources, or individuals from different firms (i.e., a plaintiff perspective and defense perspective, as is done in the workers' compensation section) to take over this important task that provides a great benefit to our members. If anyone has an interest in this project, please contact the PCBA office or J. Kevin Wolfe at jkwolfe@hslaw.us. Thank you.

Will Search

Anyone with information on the Last Will & Testament of Kenneth Dean Ulm, aged 68, please contact Sue at sekingery@kdwolaw.com. Anyone with information on the Last Will & Testament of Albertine Hines, please contact her son Derryl Hines at 309.825.1530.

Address Changes

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

For sale: Artwork; furniture, including conference room table and chairs, reception area chairs and tables, secretarial desks, upright safe, file cabinets, refrigerator, library shelving, library books and miscellaneous items. Contact Philip Jaeger at 309-397-7016.

For sale: Several pieces of office furniture for sale including conference tables, chairs, desks and bookcases. Feel free to contact Cassandra at 309-676-7777 or email cassandra@hunzikerlaw.com to schedule a time to come check out the items.

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