

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

Message from the President



It is difficult to believe that the end of the PCBA year approaches. It has been an honor to serve as the leader of this great organization. By necessity this year, we worked on improving long term financial and membership stability of the PCBA rather than suggesting new initiatives. The ideas that we are implementing and the plans starting to formulate as a result of the creation of the PCBA 2030 committee will put us on the right track to maintain our viability.

Please welcome the law student interns from SIU and NIU that the Diversity Committee and the federal and state court judges are hosting. There will be several opportunities at PCBA events to introduce yourself to these future lawyers who have ties to this area.

Thank you to all of the committee chairs and members who worked hard this year. Remember to submit your year end reports to Linda no later than June 19 for inclusion in the annual report. Finally, please join me in expressing our best wishes to Stephanie as she and her family excitedly await the arrival of their baby.

Court News *By Chief Judge Paul P. Giffillan*

1. Newly approved Divorce/Child Support/Maintenance form suite on Illinoiscourts.gov website is now available.
2. A cautionary tale of a lawyer who unsuccessfully tried to e-file a jurisdictional pleading 2 minutes before midnight deadline but was unable to get a file stamp until 3 minutes after midnight. See, *Peraino v. County of Winnebago*, 2018 IL App (2d) 170368. Required reading? You decide.
3. The courts wish to thank the PCBA for sponsoring the warm and caring Annual Memorial Service on May 24th, which recognized members who have passed in the last year.

Annual Membership Dues

Dues notices will be sent out by email mid-June for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The email will have a link for you to click to renew your membership. You can then pay by credit card or send a check to the PCBA office. In order to renew, you will need your username and password for the website. If you don't have this information, please contact Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com as soon as possible to get this information.

Annual Meeting

Remember to make your reservation for the Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers on **Monday, July 9, 2018, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the Peoria Marriott Pèrre Marquette, Cotillion Ballroom**. It's been some time since we've held an event at the Pèrre and it will be fun to take a walk down memory lane for many of us. We will honor Michele Miller for her year of service as President, and welcome Rich Zuckerman as incoming President, along with Mike Gifford and Ambrose McCall as President-Elect and Second Vice President, respectively. We will also be voting on the Nominating Committee's motion to approve Emily Wilburn as the incoming Secretary-Treasurer. Emily has chaired the CLE Committee for the last two years (no easy task!) and has served on numerous committees since she joined the PCBA in 2009.

Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

JUNE

- 6 Professional Responsibility Seminar, 12 – 2:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center, buffet lunch starts at 11:30
- 7 New Members' Reception, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at Kenny's Westside Pub

JULY

- 4 Independence Day – Courts & Courthouse closed
- 9 Annual Meeting – Hotel Pèrre Marquette, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

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 already done so for the coming year.

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

June

5 Real Property	13 Meet the Judges – Judge Feeney	19 Board
7 Lincoln Memorial Banquet	14 YLC – At Commerce Bank	21 Fitness, Health & Wellness - At Mike Fleming's office
11 Civil Practice Section	15 Tried & True: Part V	22 Meet the Judges – Judge Kelley
12 Pro Bono – At Steve Glancy's office	18 CLE	27 Diversity

Committee Reports

Committee Chairs – Remember, year end reports are due on Tuesday, June 19. Please send them to Linda at pcba@mtco.com

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.

Remember to greet the summer judicial interns: Beverly Garland (SIU): beverly.garland@siu.edu, Alexander Shane (SIU): alexandercshane@gmail.com, and Greg Nordstrom (NIU): greganordstrom@gmail.com We were pleased to meet Alex at the Memorial Service and look forward to meeting Beverly and Greg when they arrive!

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!** 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 *by: James Van Rheeden*

Though snow in April had us questioning if it would ever arrive.... Spring is here and Summer is just a short time away. Are you on track to meet your Summer fitness goals?! If not, there is still time to get it in gear! For some tips on a great workout plan see the following link. <https://www.active.com/fitness/articles/your-ultimate-summer-workout-plan>

Running Opportunities *by: Mike Fleming*

For those members, staff, families and friends who are wanting to get some running, jogging, and/or walking experience on the Steamboat Classic 4-mile race course, there is a sizeable group of such people navigating the course every Sunday morning through June 10 (the Sunday before the Classic race). We meet at the Caterpillar "flat lot" between Kelly Seed and the Gateway building, on Hamilton at the corner of Water, around 7:45 a.m. or so, with an 8:00 a.m. start time. We have all paces including walkers and those doing run-walk intervals.

These outings will continue starting June 24 on all or part of our own Strides for Justice 5K course on Grandview Drive, meeting in or next to the Peoria Heights Village Building at Tower Park, on Prospect between Glen and Kingman. These are great opportunities to get out and get moving, and to improve your pace if you are so inclined!!

The Sunday morning run/walk usually happens unless there are immediate thunderstorms overhead or a literal downpour. Any notices including last-minute changes due to weather etc. can be found at the Run309 group Facebook page. Hope to see some PCBA folks out there!

Local Continuing Legal Education

June 6 Professional Responsibility – This seminar will be from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center. The lunch buffet will open at 11:30 a.m. This seminar has been approved by the ILSCCP for 1 hour of mental health/substance abuse by Dr. Finkenbine plus

1 hour of Diversity/Inclusion by Justi Miller and will fulfill the new Illinois Supreme Court Requirements. You can register by visiting our event calendar on the website, or by clicking https://pcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=2&club_id=63892.

This is a LIVE ONLY seminar; it will not be recorded.

Appellate Practice - A new seminar has been scheduled for **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 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Spalding Pastoral Center.

Membership



On May 8th we welcomed our newest members with a luncheon at Jim's Steak House. Below at left is YLC Chair Emily Perkins, **Shane Mahoney** – *LeFante Law Offices*, President Michele Miller, **Katie Reynolds** – *Fleming Law Office*, **Joseph**

Moran – *Stephens, Fiddes & McGill*, **Kevin Sheahan** – *Hasselberg, Grebe, Snodgrass, Urban & Wentworth*, Judge Thomas Perkins, **Doug Johnson** – *Johnson Law Group* and Chief Judge Paul Gilfillan.

The **New Members' Reception** will be held **June 7** at Kenny's Westside Pub, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. All attorneys and judges may join us in welcoming our newest members. Complementary appetizers and first drink on the PCBA! A big thanks to Meador Investigations for sponsoring this event!

We have received applications for membership renewal from **Henry Vicary** and **Ryan McCracken**. Henry is an attorney with Caterpillar Inc. and Ryan is a solo practitioner. Their names will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval in August.

Memorials

We would like to thank David Mueller for his continued dedication to the Annual Memorial Service. His resolution for his colleague and friend, Ross Canterbury, was heartwarming. We also thank Nancy Snowden, Chris Ryan and John T. Brady for presenting resolutions for Kenneth Vander Leest, Sandy Hendricks and Tom Hoehne. Comments after the formal service on May 24, were equally heartwarming and sometimes humorous. We thank all who attended the service and the reception that followed. Thanks also go to Chief Judge Gilfillan for presiding over the service, the judges who were able to attend, as well as Stefanie Dwyer and the courthouse crew who handled so many details. Finally, thank you to Heyl Royster for providing use of their space for the reception, and Connie Zimmerman in particular. Last (and certainly not least) our thanks to Jill Stieghorst from Cassidy & Mueller for so many years of assistance with the long list of details that go into this service.

Public Relations

A big thank you to **Dennis Merkley**, *Merkley & Shields L.L.C.*, **Gabriel Casey**, *Casey Law Office*, **Peter Lynch**, *Law Office of Peter J. Lynch*, **Sharbel Rantisi**, *Rantisi Law LLC*, and **Tim Kirk**, *Heyl Royster*, for their involvement in The People's Law School at Illinois Central College this spring.



Substantive Law

Your quarterly newsletter should arrive in your inbox soon. We appreciate the work of all our Section Chairs: Brad Elward (Appellate), Jo Wetherill (Civil), Janaki Nair (Commercial Law), Chris McCall (Criminal), Marci Shoff (Estate Planning & Probate), Judge Maher (Family Law), Sam Perkins (Federal Practice) and Tim Steil (Workers' Compensation).

Workers' Compensation Section Recent notice, effective June 2, from IWCC's Chairman Joann Fratianni regarding electronic filing may be read [here](#).

Other News

Notice of Vacancy – Associate Circuit Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit – Applications are now being accepted for this vacancy. The instructions for submitting an application electronically are available on the Supreme Court's website: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov>. Applications must be received by Thursday, June 7, 2018.



Mike Seneca Golf Outing for the Hult Center for Healthy Living will be June 8 at Metamora Fields Golf Club. Mike was a PCBA member who passed away in 2009 at the age of 33. Click this link for more information on the outing: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ef87csp4cbe0a260&llr=g7yxizlab>

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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