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

Message from the President

The Peoria County Bar Association is in trouble. But so is every professional, civic, service, fraternal and not-for-profit organization. Membership in organizations, including ours, is declining. Reduction in membership means reduction in the ability of the Association to provide the events and benefits for which that the PCBA is known. Dues notices will go out the end of June. If you have friends or colleagues that are not currently members of the Association, please encourage them to join. If you are in a firm, please encourage your firm to have 100% membership in the Association. Since July I have encouraged everyone to become involved in the PCBA - The Original Social Media - and we have had a response. Now I ask you to bring others into the fold and to have them become part of the PCBA Social Network. I want to thank the Young Lawyers Committee for making the Law Day Luncheon a success. Once again, we had a tremendous speaker, a huge response to the Law Day Essay contest, and wonderful attendance by our 50- year lawyers. It was a grand event and well received by those in attendance.



I also want to thank our member, David Mueller, for the very moving Memorial gathering on May 24. We honored three of our members who had passed on during the preceding year: Daniel O'Day, Lou Behrends, and the Hon. Steve Covey. I want to thank all who attended and made this a memorable event for the friends and family in attendance. Finally, I want to thank Heyl Royster for hosting the reception following the Memorial.

Court News *By Chief Judge Paul P. Gilfillan*



1. The Jefferson Street Entrance/Exit to the courthouse will close June 17th for 2 months to accommodate the ongoing Drainage and Site Improvements Project. See our website for further information and a map depicting the sidewalk closure and pedestrian traffic pattern. 10thcircuitcourtil.org
2. The courts acknowledge with appreciation the PCBA for sponsoring our 2019 judicial summer interns, both SIU School of Law Students, Tatiyana Rodriguez (2021) and Ean Albers (2020). Judge Ierulli is the judicial liaison for this program.
3. The courts welcome, as of June 1st, Aimee Dluski and Carol Perkins as part-time independent contractor GAL's in Peoria juvenile court, and acknowledge long time GAL Louise Natonek on her departure from this position. These GAL positions are under the supervision of the courts.
4. The latest information on the October associate judge opening (Judge Kelley) will be posted on 10thcircuitcourtil.org as soon as it becomes available.
5. Local Rule 17 was recently adopted which will allow e-filing in criminal cases. The Peoria Circuit Clerk's office is working with the SAO and should be ready to go live in early June. Stay tuned.

Annual Meeting and New Members' Reception Combine to Mix Business with Pleasure

The Annual Meeting and New Members' Reception will be held on **Monday, July 8, 2019**, in the Renaissance Room of the Janssen Law Center, 110 SW Jefferson Ave. (3rd floor). We will honor Richard Zuckerman for his year of service as President, and welcome Michael Gifford as incoming President, along with Ambrose McCall and Emily Wilburn as President-Elect and Second Vice President, respectively. We will also vote on the Nominating Committee's motion to approve Michael Fleming as incoming Secretary-Treasurer. A vote will be taken on changes made to the By-Laws as well (see Committee Reports). We will keep the meeting brief this year in order to allow more time to welcome our newest members and enjoy a bit of social time. The cost is \$25 per person (new members are FREE) and includes hors d'oeuvres and 1 drink ticket. Registration is open and can be done online by clicking [here](#), or by visiting the event calendar on our website (www.peoriabar.org) and clicking on the event. See enclosed flyer for the list of New Members. Thank you to our sponsors listed on the flyer.

Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

JUNE

6 New Members' Luncheon – Jim's Steak House, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – invitation only

JULY

4 Independence Day, Courts & Courthouses Closed

8 Annual Meeting & New Members' Reception, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Renaissance Room, 3rd Floor of Janssen Law Center

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

JUNE

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| 4 Real Property | 12 Government & Public Interest Law | 20 Fitness Health & Wellness |
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Committee Reports

By-Laws

By-Laws Committee Chair Norman McGill has proposed the following changes to the PCBA By-Laws. These changes will be voted on at the Annual Meeting being held **July 8, 2019**, in the evening.

Proposal One:

The first sentence of Article V, Section 1 currently reads as follows:

- *The Annual Meeting of the members of the PCBA shall be held on the second Monday in July in each year.*

It is proposed that the first sentence of Article V, Section 1 be stricken and in its stead shall read as follows:

- *The Annual Meeting of the members of the PCBA shall be held in the month of July of each year, to be set by the Board 60 days in advance of same and notice published in the following issue of the LegalEase.*

Proposal Two:

The last sentence in Article VI, Section 3(d) currently reads as follows:

- *In the event fewer than four nominating petitions for election to the Board of Directors are received by the date set forth above, or in the event of death or resignation of one or more at-large directors, the President of the PCBA may, at any meeting of the board following the Annual Meeting, appoint such additional at-large directors from the roster of Regular or Life members of the PCBA, currently licensed to practice law, as shall cause the number of at-large directors to equal four.*

It is proposed that the last sentence in Article VI, Section 3(d) be stricken and in its stead shall read as follows:

- *In the event fewer than four nominating petitions for election to the Board of Directors are received by the date set forth above, or in the event of death or resignation of one or more at-large directors, the President of the PCBA may, at any meeting following the receipt of fewer than four nominating petitions for election or death or resignation of an at-large director, appoint such additional at-large directors from the roster of Regular or Life members of the PCBA, currently licensed to practice law, as shall cause the number of at-large directors to equal four.*

Communications & Technology

The time has come to begin working on the 2019-2020 Attorneys' Directory. Please take a look at your listing in the current directory and email any changes to Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com before July 1.

Entertainment – Annual Golf Outing

The PCBA Annual Golf Outing will be **Friday, August 9**, at **WeaverRidge Golf Club**. *Rain date is Friday, August 23.* Mark both dates on your calendars and register now by clicking [here](#), or visiting the event calendar on our website (www.peoriabar.org) and clicking on the event.



Fitness Health & Wellness *By Kyle Tompkins*

Take a Hike!

Spring is here and summer is not far behind so it is a great time to get outside, at least between the rain drops. Some people play sports and others may enjoy running or biking during this time of year. However, those types of activities are not for everyone. If you are one of those people, hiking along one of the many nature trails in the Peoria area may be a great alternative for your body and mind.

Hiking is a great way to exercise with the type of requisite physical exertion typically involved in sports. Hiking can help build stronger muscles, improve your sense of balance, improve heart health and even decrease the risk of certain respiratory problems. Moreover, spending time enjoying the beauty of nature can help to improve your mood by reducing stress and calming anxiety in some circumstances. So grab a loved one, friend, neighbor or colleague, and take a hike along one of the Peoria Park District's beautiful trails:

<https://peoriaparks.org/trails/>

Local Continuing Legal Education

In need of credits?

The reporting deadline is almost upon those of you with last names starting with N-Z. Are you in need of more credits? If so, look no further, we have plenty of seminars on DVD & Vimeo available for purchase for you to watch! Check the list below and contact Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com with any questions. Payment can be made online by clicking [here](#), by visiting the storefront on our website (www.peoriabar.org), or by sending a check to our office.

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| 1. 2017 October Professional Responsibility | 7. 2018 New Tax Laws and the Impact on Family Law | 12. 2019 Winter Series: Estate Planning, Probate & Elder Law |
| 2. 2017 Government & Public Interest | 8. 2018 Tried & True: Part V | 13. 2019 Winter Series: Family Law |
| 3. 2017 Workers' Compensation | 9. 2019 Workers' Compensation | 14. 2019 Winter Series: The New Investigator in Town: GOOGLE |
| 4. 2018 Winter Series: Estate Planning & Probate | 10. 2019 Winter Series: Civil Practice | 15. 2019 May Professional Responsibility |
| 5. 2018 Winter Series: Family Law | 11. 2019 Winter Series: Employment Law | |
| 6. 2018 Winter Series: Civil Law | | |

FREE Brown Bag Series

Did you know that our **FREE** Brown Bag seminars are uploaded to Vimeo and available to our members? To make it easier for you to get these MCLE credit hours, we have created a page on our website (located under the CLE tab) listing all the seminar links so you can watch them when it's convenient for you! Just fill out the attorney affidavit (located on the website page) and send it back to the PCBA to get your certificate. Since these seminars are for members only, this page of the website can only be accessed by entering your username and password. If you need help finding or resetting your username and/or password, let Stephanie know at pcbaasst@mtco.com.

MEMBERSHIP

We have received a membership application from Grant Schricker. Grant is an attorney at Cordis & Cordis in Princeville. Since the Board does not hold its regular meeting in July, his application will be presented to the Board for approval in August.

PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES *By Myraida Melendez*

Prairie State Legal Services would like to thank the following attorneys who have provided free legal assistance to low income persons through our Pro Bono Program and recently closed their pro bono cases: Kenneth Eathington of Quinn, Johnston, Henderson, Pretorius & Cerulo; and Chester Fuller of the Law Office of Chester Fuller.

APRIL SEALING AND EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

We would also like to give a very special thank you to: John Lamb of Caterpillar; Kerriane Waters of Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller; Natalie Vaughn, volunteer attorney with Prairie State Legal Services; Jim Rooney of Caterpillar; and Peter Barclay, volunteer with Prairie State Legal Services for providing our clients with free legal advice at our April sealing and expungement clinic. As a result of the legal advice provided through this clinic, we were able to help a man clear his record of charges dating back to 1995 and 1996. Our client owns a business and was losing business because potential clients could see his past records online. Thanks to our volunteers, he can now focus on growing his business!



Prairie State Legal Services would also like to thank your firms for supporting the community by encouraging attorneys to donate their time to pro bono work.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

We are still in need of volunteers for our August 23, 2019 Sealing and Expungement Clinic. Please call or email me if you are interested in donating some of your time to assist our clients. You can also sign up using the following link: <http://signup.com/login/entry/725747266071>.

If you would like to volunteer your services, receive additional training in other areas of law or are willing to give 15-30 minute phone consultations in your area of expertise, please call me at 309-621-4005 or email me at mmelendez@pslegal.org. You will receive a Google Form, which you can use to send us your information. Your pro bono service will help PSLs provide legal assistance to individuals within our community who may not otherwise be able to afford legal representation.

OPEN HOUSE

Prairie State has moved! Please join us for an Open House in our new space, along with a free lunch and 30-minute CLE on **Wednesday, June 5** from noon until 1pm in the HAZEN ROOM of 411 Hamilton Blvd. Register [here](#). We hope you can join us!

Other News

LAP News -- To read the latest LAP press release, click [here](#).

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.

Thank you and Welcome!

A huge thank you to our 2018-2019 Board of Directors! We appreciate all your time and efforts during the last year. We'd also like to welcome our incoming 2019-2020 Board of Directors who are listed below.

2018-19 Board of Directors

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Karen M. Stumpe, At-Large Trustee
David B. Wiest, At-Large Trustee

*To be confirmed by a vote of the members at the Annual Meeting on July 8. Make your reservation today and vote.