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

Message from the President



Ransomware - is the best practice to just pay the demand? A question for your insurance carrier, yet, 41% of sole practitioners say they have no malpractice insurance.

Needles and blood in the courthouse. Scary. Alarming. Hair-raising. October was the month.

The first two statements were from the well-attended Professional Responsibility CLE on October 27. The last is the Halloween YLC blood drive. These were two of the great events that the hard-working committees of the PCBA organize. Speaking of hard work, the Entertainment Committee has had frightening experiences of their own going through videos of past holiday performances. Bad mustaches and '80s hair? Sign up for the holiday party to see these things and more. Finally, the first winter series CLE will be on November 7 - don't miss out on your opportunity to attend five winter series CLE seminars for the price of four.

Court News *By: Chief Judge, Paul P. Gilfillan*

A big Thanks (for) Giving beyond oneself to ALL attorneys, staffs, firms, individuals, and court personnel connected to the PCBA for all of your selfless work this year in providing pro bono services, support of Prairie State, committee service and financial support of all efforts to help provide access to justice for those truly in need of such. You are the BEST of our profession. As recounted by Justice Thomas Kilbride in Peoria on October 23rd, "The most eloquent Constitution is worthless without someone to enforce it."

Distinguished Community Service Award

Nominations are open for the 2018 Distinguished Community Service Award. The recipient will be announced at the 2018 Lincoln Memorial Banquet held on Thursday, February 15, 2018. If you know an attorney who deserves this award, please visit the website at www.peoriabar.org and click on the DCSA under the members tab. Here, you can submit your nomination online or download the forms and submit them to the PCBA office. All nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2018.

Did you Know?

- The link to all job postings is now on the home page of the website.
- The Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) is now online. Any PCBA Member who has been practicing over 1 year may join (only \$50 annually) and be listed in an unlimited number of panels. LRS members may include a photo, profile/biography, etc. What a great marketing tool!

Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

November

7 Government & Public Interest Seminar, 2-5:00 p.m. at Spalding Pastoral Center, social at Obed & Isaac's immediately following

13 Workers' Compensation Seminar, 1-4:15 p.m. at Heyl Royster Learning Center

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

23 & 24 Courts & Courthouse closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

December

14 Holiday Party, The Waterhouse (MAXAM Building) 316 SW Washington.

25 & 26 Courts & Courthouse closed for Christmas Holiday

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

November

- 1 Civil Practice Section
- 3 Workers' Comp CLE Subcommittee at Kelleher's
- 7 Real Property at Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main St., Suite 1125
- 8 Communications & Technology
- 9 Young Lawyers Committee
- 15 Fitness Health & Wellness
- 16 Family Law Section
- 20 CLE
- 21 Board

December

- 6 Pro Bono
- 12 Commercial Law & Litigation
- 18 CLE

Communications & Technology

Have you logged into the new website <https://peoriabar.org> and updated your profile yet? Just a handful of members have taken the time to do so and have added their photo, vitae, etc. The Membership Directory is intended to help you look up fellow members for contact information. If you don't have the 2017-18 Attorneys' Directory handy, the website is a great tool.

Entertainment

Don't forget to register for the PCBA Holiday Party! This year we are trying a new venue AND a new program style. Video clips from '80's, '90's, and the new millennium! Who remembers Operaman? Or Devil Dan? Or John Pusey's amazing emcee talent? You don't want to miss this! The party is December 14 at The Waterhouse (MAXAM Building), 316 SW Washington St. Click [here](#) to register now!

Fitness Health & Wellness By: Logan Block

This fall season get a head start on your New Year's fitness goals and create healthy habits before the holiday season. Getting into your exercise routine now will ensure that when the deep winter chill comes, you'll be in the right place mentally and physically to continue staying active until spring. Check out WebMD's 10 tips to help you make the most of the fall fitness season.

<https://www.webmd.com/fitness-exercise/features/10-tips-fall-fitness>

Local Continuing Legal Education

2017-2018 Winter Series

November 7 Government & Public Interest, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Spalding Pastoral Center, followed by a Social at Obed & Isaac's.

November 13 Workers' Compensation, 1:00 – 4:15 p.m. at the Heyl Royster Learning Center, located at 300 Hamilton Blvd.

January 13 Estate Planning & Probate

January 20 Family Law: Issues in Family Law that can't be Addressed by a Chart

January 27 Civil Practice

Each of the January seminars will be from 8:30 – 12:00 at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Check-in and continental breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. To register, visit www.peoriabar.org and click on 'seminars' under CLE. Each seminar is \$65 for members, \$80 for McLean County members, and \$95 for non-members.

Membership

We received applications for membership from Anna Krolikowska and Nichole Mahrt. We also received a student application from Laura Loyd. The applications will be presented to the Board in January for approval.

Anna is an attorney with K & R Family Legal Services, LLP in Northbrook, Illinois, and Nichole works at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General in Peoria. Laura attends the University of Illinois College of Law.

Young Lawyers Committee

It's only November, but the Holiday season is upon us. Once again, the YLC is sponsoring Project Santa with the South Side Mission to help children and families in need during the holiday season. If you would like to donate a toy or make a monetary donation, please contact James Van Rheeden (jvanrheeden@quinnjohnston.com), Kyle Tompkins (ktompkins@hgsuw.com) or Kevin Day (kday@hgsuw.com)

Prairie State Legal Services

We would like to thank the following attorneys, paralegals, and other support staff who have assisted low income persons and recently closed pro bono cases: Christopher Crawford, Burt Dancy and David House.

TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PRO BONO RECOGNITION EVENT

The Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee's third annual Pro Bono Recognition Event at the Caterpillar Visitors Center on Monday, October 23, was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who attended to make this such a great event. I would also like to thank our event sponsors: The Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee, the Legal Services Division of Caterpillar, Inc., Public Interest Law Initiative, Peoria County Bar Association, and the Tazewell County Bar Association. Congratulations to this year's winners:



Sumner Boume
10th Circuit Pro Bono Committee's
2017 Pro Bono Service Award



Ambrose McCall
Peoria County Pro Bono Hon
2017 Lawyer of the Year



Mitch Gilfillan
Peoria County Pro Bono Hon
2017 Young Lawyer of the Year



Timothy Bertschy
Prairie State Legal Services
2017 Equal Access to Justice



Brian Lutz
Tazewell County
2017 Lawyer of the Year



Nicole Jeffers
Prairie State Legal Services
2017 Joined in Justice

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