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

Message from the President

A large thank you to all of the members of the Peoria County Bar Association who attended the 2018 (15th Annual) Diversity Luncheon. We were treated to an excellent speech by the Honorable Tim Evans and a surprise introduction of the speaker by our own 3rd District Justice, Tom Kilbride. In addition, the 2018 awardees of the Robert Jennetten Diversity Scholarship were announced. It was a great event for the Association. As usual, Linda and Stephanie did a wonderful job of assisting Chair Peter Jennetten and the Diversity Committee in putting this event together.

I also want to congratulate Chair Logan Block, Race Chair Mike Fleming and the Fitness, Health and Wellness Committee on an outstanding Strides for Justice on September 29th. Thank you to all who participated in that event.

In October the Association made its annual contribution of \$3,500 to the United Way for the benefit of the Campaign

for Legal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lenny Sachs for bringing this opportunity to the Board a few years ago and for his working with the HOIUW to make sure that the maximum in contributions ended up in the hands of those needing an access to justice.

Wishing all of our members and their families a happy and joyful Thanksgiving.



Court News *By Chief Judge Paul P. Giffillan*

- On October 26th approximately 90 private attorneys, Circuit clerk staff, court administrators, judges, juvenile detention staff, probation officers, public defenders/staff, state's attorneys/staff, court security officers and others attended the Illinois Supreme Court's Commission on Professionalism's training session in Peoria. The Tenth Circuit has always been known for its outstanding reputation for civility, professionalism and delivering justice. This training reminds us all of the history and importance of carrying forward the ideals of cooperation, collaboration and communication. Thanks for all you do in supporting our profession in a positive fashion.
- New 'Summons' form suite and updated 'Adult Expungement and Sealing' form suite are now on the illinoiscourts.gov website.

PCBA 2030

Who Would YOU Come Out to Hear?

The PCBA 2030 Committee's recent surveys lead to an inescapable conclusion that Lincoln Memorial Banquet speakers are a strong factor in members' decisions to attend the banquet.

So tell us – especially if you have not attended in the past few years – who would **you** come out to hear? A political figure? A distinguished judge or jurist? A TV “talking head?” Ivanka Trump?

We want names! Tell us who you'd like to hear, and what you'd like to hear about. Tell us who you'd attend to hear, and we'll see what we can do to get that person, or their body double!

Even better, tell us if you have a connection to someone you think the membership would like to hear. Is Justice Roberts your uncle's golfing buddy? Did you do undergrad with Hannity or Don Lemon?

Please respond to Stephanie at PCBA (pcbaasst@mtco.com). We'll leave the light on for you.

Mike Gifford

PCBA 2030 & President Elect

Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

NOVEMBER

9 Tried & True: Part V – The Appeal – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Spalding Pastoral Center

12 Veteran's Day (Observed) – Courts closed, courthouse open

14 Workers' Compensation Seminar – 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. – Heyl Royster Learning Center

15 New Members' Lunch – Noon – Jim's Steak House (invitation only)

22 & 23 Thanksgiving and day following – Courts and courthouse closed

DECEMBER

13 Holiday Party – The Warehouse on State – cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m.

24 & 25 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – Courts and courthouse closed

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

November

1	Government & Public Interest	8	Young Lawyers Committee*	28	Appellate Section
2	Communications & Technology	13	CLE	29	Civil Practice Section
5	Diversity	16	Lincoln Memorial Banquet	30	Family Practice Section
6	Real Property*	17	20 Board		
7	Commercial Law & Litigation	27	Fitness, Health & Wellness		*Speaker and lunch; RSVP necessary

Committee Reports

Diversity

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 15th Annual Diversity Luncheon on October 10. This year we were able to raise the most amount of money yet for the Robert H. Jennetten Diversity Scholarship — \$6,626.55! To view pictures of the event, click [here](#).

Entertainment

Coming to the Holiday Party this year is a new format & very special roast prepared by CXT coffee roasters. All tickets qualify members for a chance to win a bottle of fine wine. Some very special surprises will be revealed next month. Mark your calendars now and register by clicking [here](#)!

Fitness Health & Wellness

The holiday season is an especially challenging time to focus on fitness. However, with a little planning, you can enjoy the extra eating and drinking and still emerge in the New Year feeling good about your health. Check out these tips to help you stay on track this holiday season: <https://health.usnews.com/health-news/blogs/eat-run/2015/11/20/8-secrets-to-staying-fit-during-the-holidays>

Lincoln Memorial Banquet

Save the date! The 111th Annual Lincoln Memorial Banquet will be held on **Thursday, February 21, 2019**, at the **Holiday Inn & Suites at Grand Prairie**. Mark your calendars now. Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will be the keynote speaker.

Distinguished Community Service Award

Distinguished Community Service Award Nominations are open for the 2018 Distinguished Community Service Award. The recipient will be announced at the 2019 Lincoln Memorial Banquet held on Thursday, February 21, 2019. If you know an attorney who deserves this award, please visit the website at www.peoriabar.org and click on DCSA under the members tab. Here, you can submit your nomination online or download the forms and submit them to the PCBA office. Nomination deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2019

Local Continuing Legal Education

Tried & True: Part V – November 9, from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Spalding Pastoral Center. Check-in and buffet lunch begin at 11:30 a.m. Topics include:

People v. Remus – Attorney Impairment – Rob Bennett, presenter. Chicago attorney who became the “King of Bootleggers” during prohibition, and later killed his wife, of which he was acquitted due to his use of the “temporary insanity” defense.

Palmer v. Thompson, the 1971 case regarding racial motivation in Jackson, MS, closing swimming pools and the suit to keep them open. Bill Loeffel and Chris McCall, presenters.

Batson v. Kentucky – Patrick O’Shaughnessy, presenter. A case in which the United States Supreme Court ruled that a prosecutor’s use of peremptory challenge in a criminal case may not be used to exclude jurors based solely on their race.

Loving v. Virginia – Janaki Nair, presenter. Landmark civil rights decision of the United States Supreme Court which struck down all state laws banning interracial marriage.

This seminar provides 2 hours of professional responsibility credit. Register now by visiting www.peoriabar.org and clicking on the event calendar, or by clicking [here](#).

2018 Workers’ Compensation Seminar – November 14, from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. at the Heyl Royster Learning Center. Check-in and lunch begin at 12:30 p.m. Topics include: Case Law Update, Medicare Set-Aside Process, Midwest Orthopaedic Physician, Exceptions in Exclusive Remedy and Neutral Risk Analysis – A History of it and where we are Today. This seminar is worth 3 hours of general MCLE credit. A social will immediately follow the seminar. Please let us know if you plan to attend the social when you register for the seminar. Register now by visiting www.peoriabar.org and clicking on the event calendar, or by clicking [here](#).

2019 Winter Series – Save the dates! **Saturday mornings, 8:30 - noon**: January 12 – Family Law, Kelly Girardo, Chair; January 19 – Estate Planning, Probate & Elder Law, Susan Dawson-Tibbits, Chair; January 26 – Civil Practice, J. Kevin Wolfe, Chair; and **Friday afternoons, 1:00 – 4:30**: February 1 – The New Private Investigator in Town - Google, Judge Maher, Chair; and February 8 – Employment Law, Mike Lied, Chair.

2019 Brown Bag Series

Mark your calendar now for FREE CLE with the Brown Bag Series for five consecutive Wednesdays beginning **March 6, 2019**. Already scheduled for this popular series are Commercial Law & Litigation, Federal Practice, Real Estate, Criminal Law and Appellate Practice.

This series provides 5 hours free CLE and includes lunch; PCBA members only. Seating is limited and you must register online. The seminars are recorded so members may earn FREE CLE by viewing the recorded series on DVD or on-demand.

Membership

We have received applications for membership from **Melodi Green**, and student membership from **Myraida Melendez** and **Wesley Enz**. Melodi is in the Legal Department at Peoria City Hall, Myraida is the new pro-bono coordinator with Prairie State Legal Services and Wesley is with Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller. Their applications will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval in January.



Memorials

On October 11, 2018 a member of the Association, Frederick Louis Behrends, passed away. He was 86 years old. After graduating from the University of Illinois, Lou joined the U.S. Army. He was a First Lieutenant with the 82 Airborne Division. After serving, he and his wife moved back to Champaign-Urbana and Lou received his degree in Corporate Law. After receiving his degree, he moved to Peoria and joined the firm of Davis and Morgan before he started his own firm, Behrend Law Offices, which later became Behrends and Gentry Law Firm. *The PCBA has made a \$100 contribution in memory of Frederick Lou Behrends.*

Public Relations Committee



The Public Relations committee is focusing on promoting a positive image of attorneys, the local justice system and the role of the Peoria County Bar Association throughout local public and private schools in Central Illinois. Each month, we are making a concerted effort to speak in local schools about the practice of law and the basic principles of our judicial system. Please email Public Relations Chair, Mitch Gilfillan (mjilfillan@quinnjohnston.com), or Vice-Chair, Seth TeBeest (stebeest@heyloyroyster.com),

if you are interested in volunteering to speak. *Above is attorney Mitch Gilfillan, Quinn Johnston, with Richwoods students.*

Young Lawyers Committee

Fall Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated blood or volunteered for the YLC Blood Drive on October 23 at the Peoria County Courthouse. Everyone who donated received a coupon for a free pint of custard from Culver's. Our goal was to collect 22 pints and we fell just short of that at 18. *(Far right is attorney Kevin Sheahan and immediate right is attorney Seth Uphoff.)*



Project Santa Is Coming!

The Young Lawyers Committee is happy to confirm that it will be spearheading the Peoria County Bar Association's Project Santa toy drive in support of the South Side Mission again this holiday season. We have had exceptional participation and enthusiasm from the PCBA over the past few years that has helped bring a merrier Christmas to countless children in need, and we are sure to continue that tradition. Please be on the lookout for more detailed information in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions regarding Project Santa, please contact our Project Santa Co-Chairs Julie Hagen (jhagen@illinoiscourts.gov) or Kyle Tompkins (ktompkins@hgsuw.com).

Prairie State Legal Services

Prairie State Legal Services would like to thank the following attorneys who have provided free legal assistance to low income persons and recently closed their pro bono cases: Abigail Fleming of Fleming Law Office, Syed Ahmad, Jessica Sarff and Robert Tenney of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen and James W. Springer of Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick.

PSLS OCTOBER SEALING AND EXPUNGEMENT SUMMIT

Prairie State Legal Services would like to give a special thanks to RLI, Corp. for supporting their attorneys in working with us at our recent Ready to Work Summit. Scott Ostericher, Don Driscoll, Maggi Wettstein and Jim Jorgenson, in collaboration with our in-house attorney Leanne Beyer, provided free pro se assistance to clients who are interested in sealing or expunging their criminal records. Thank you for your work and for giving our clients a second chance!

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

If you would like to 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. Additional training will help PSLs provide legal assistance to individuals within our community that may not otherwise be able to afford legal representation.

Other News

The Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee of the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) held its Fifth Annual Celebrate Pro Bono Reception on October 22nd at the Caterpillar Visitors Center, in celebration of National Pro Bono Week. The event celebrated and recognized the achievement and work of the attorneys who have provided pro bono legal services through Prairie State Legal Services and all pro bono opportunities offered through PILI's Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee this past year. One hundred and fourteen

attorneys provided pro bono legal assistance to those in need this past year. Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas Kilbride offered keynote remarks, and Chief Judge Paul Gilfillan of the Tenth Judicial Circuit provided a welcome and presented the 10th Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Award to Abigail Fleming.

Congratulations to the following attorneys who were recognized for their extraordinary commitment to pro bono work this past year:

Blake Mishler, Tazewell County Pro Bono Attorney of the Year
Parker & Parker, Peoria County Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year
Jennifer Bonesteel, Peoria County Pro Bono Attorney of the Year
Elizabeth Arcot, Peoria County Pro Bono Young Lawyer of the Year
James Kane, Prairie State Legal Services Equal Access to Justice Award
Julia Mackert, Prairie State Legal Services Joined in Justice Award
Abigail Fleming, Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Award

A very special thank you to all of the attorneys and judges who attended this special event, and this event would not have been possible without the generous sponsorship of The Legal Services Division of Caterpillar, Inc., the Peoria County Bar Association, Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) and the Tazewell County Bar Association. There are many ways in which to provide pro bono legal assistance in the Tenth Judicial Circuit. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about how to be involved, please contact Judge Lisa Wilson at lwilson@peoriacounty.org. To view pictures from the event, click [here](#).

13th Annual CASAblanca – Dancing with the Local Stars

This event will be held on Saturday, November 3 at the Par-A-Dice Hotel & Casino. PCBA member Valerie Moehle, from Moehle Swearingen & Lobacz, Ltd., will be dancing this year. Tickets can be purchased by calling CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit at 309-669-2939.

Lawyers' Assistance Program

Mobilizing for a Purpose After a Legal Career "Ends" is an interview feature with former Cook County Judge, Honorable Sheila Murphy. This article can be read by clicking [here](#).

Directory Changes

CORRECTION: Fleming & Umland on page 20 should be Fleming Law Office. All other information remains the same.

Javoronok, Robert Jr., - Jim Kelly Law Office, 7817 N. Knoxville Ave., Peoria, IL 61614 – Phone: 309-679-0900 Email: robj@jameskellylawfirm.com.

Will Search

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the Will of Antonio (Anthony) Ramirez Barron and/or Susan Brill De Ramirez, please contact Steve Wakeman or Molly Tharp at 309-676-3612 or sawakeman@kdwolaw.com

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)

ISO- We are looking for a used but working standard cassette transcriber to purchase. Please contact Diane at the office of Chester C. Fuller at (309) 673-4090 or fullerlaw@hotmail.com.

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.

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.

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