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

President's Page

Our PCBA year is off to a great start.

Anyone who went to the Diversity Luncheon on September 18th had to be impressed with Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx. Her life story, and the journey from Cabrini Green housing projects to the State's Attorney's office, gave us all reason to reflect on what are we doing to make this a better community.

Chris McCall and Melodi Green, Diversity Committee Chair and Vice Chair, and their entire committee deserve congratulations for the program they delivered. We can hope that the rest of our programs are as effective and well-received. Don't you wish you were there?



The CLE Committee is presenting a double-barreled CLE program on October 14th, two programs in one day. Ethics in the morning, protection remedies in the afternoon. Make sure to attend one or both! There is no better way to get your CLE than PCBA.

Planning for the Lincoln Banquet is moving ahead, and we are awaiting confirmation from a speaker that we think will fill the room. Make your plans to attend now – although the date is still somewhat in flux depending on the speaker's availability, we're planning on returning to the event's longtime home at the Père Marquette. Judge Perkins will have more news for us soon.

Finally, the Holiday Party Committee worked hard to keep the ticket price for the December 12th event at last year's level, but alas, they failed. The price is going up a single dollar! Be sure to attend, and join in the fun. Judge McCuskey is going to lead a roast of John Nicoara, a.k.a. Vinny, and Matt Smith will again do his special brand of stand up. Get your Joe Peschi mask now, practice the accent and join in roasting, and toasting one of our local favorites.

We've got a great start on this year – let's keep it going!

Court News *By Chief Judge Paul P. Giffillan*

1. Judge Derek G. Asbury will be sworn in on Friday, Nov. 1st @ 10 a.m. in Abraham Lincoln portrait CR 210 @ the PCC. All are welcome.
2. A fond farewell tribute to retiring Judge Kim L. Kelley can be found on our website. Thanks for your 13 years of even-handed justice on the bench Judge Kelley. Enjoy retirement. You deserve it.
3. No official timetable yet for the appointment of former Judge Jodi Hoos' replacement.
4. 2020 judicial assignments have been posted on our website.
5. Congratulations to attorneys Anne Bartolo and Nina Gougis who have been selected as full time contract Guardian Ad Litem in Peoria JA cases (while still allowed to conduct private practice) under the aegis of the 10th circuit chief judge.
6. Hope to see you at the Celebrate Pro Bono Reception on Monday, October 21 @ 5:30 p.m. at the Caterpillar Visitors Center. Guest speaker Sup. Ct. Justice Thomas Kilbride.
7. For the latest in courthouse NEWS: 10thcircuitcourtil.org



Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

OCTOBER

- 14** Professional Responsibility + Protective Remedies, First United Methodist Church, Part 1: 8:00 check-in and continental breakfast; 8:30 – 10:30 seminar; Part 2: 11:30 check-in and pizza lunch; 12:00 – 3:15 seminar.
- 14** Columbus Day – Courts Closed/Courthouse Open
- 16** YLC Blood Drive, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in room 403 of the Peoria County Courthouse

NOVEMBER

- 7** Workers' Compensation Seminar – 12:30 lunch & check-in; seminar 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Heyl Royster Learning Center
- 11** Veterans' Day – Courts closed; Courthouse open
- 28** Thanksgiving Day – Courts & Courthouse Closed
- 29** Day after Thanksgiving - Courts & Courthouse Closed

Committee Meetings

Meetings are at noon at the PCBA office unless otherwise noted

OCTOBER

1	Real Property	10	YLC	23	Cannabis Meeting
2	Public Relations	11	Lincoln Memorial Banquet	24	Workers' Compensation
7	Civil Practice	15	Board of Directors	30	Family Law Section
8	Criminal Law	18	Communications & Technology		

Committee Reports

Diversity

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 16th Annual Diversity Luncheon on September 18. This year we raised \$2,425.15 for the Robert H. Jennetten Diversity Scholarship.

Entertainment – Part II: Holiday Party

The PCBA Annual Holiday Party will be on **Thursday, December 12**, at The Warehouse on State! John Nicoara will take the hot seat as this year's "Roastee" while Judge McCuskey leads the roast. Cost is \$60 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner and 2 drink tickets. Registration can be done online [here](#) or by visiting our website and clicking on the event calendar. Make your reservations now!

Fitness Health & Wellness *by: JD VanRheeden*

Alright, so you trained vigorously all summer for Strides for Justice and set a new personal best time at the race. Way to go! But now what? Maybe treat yourself to a week or so off...BUT then make sure to keep that workout regimen rolling. Fall is here, and Winter is just around the corner. This is the perfect time to take advantage of the cooler weather and fall scenery with outdoor activities. Follow the attached link for a short list of how to stay active outdoors this Fall. <https://www.elitedaily.com/wellness/outdoor-workouts-for-fall-weather/2067715>

Local Continuing Legal Education

Columbus Day Seminar, Monday, October 14 - Ethics in the morning and keeping pests away through the afternoon! – First United Methodist Church, 116 NE Madison, downtown Peoria (Ann Pieper, Chair). **Topics can be found on the back page of the newsletter.**

Part I - 8:00 Check-in and continental breakfast; seminar 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Part II - 11:30 Check-in and pizza lunch; seminar 12:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Register online by clicking [here](#), or submitting the back page of this newsletter to the PCBA office with your check. Please include your ARDC number.

Work Comp Annual CLE - November 7, Check-in and lunch 12:30; seminar 1:00 – 4:30 at Heyl Royster Learning Center with social to follow at Obed & Isaac's (Jessica Bell, Chair) Topics include: Presentation by Dr. Mary Elizabeth Rashid; Mental Health in Workers' Compensation Cases, Including PTSD by Joe Pishghadamian; Subsequent Injuries – Job Loss Inquiries – 5 Factors – 81B – Accident on way to IME by Ilir Imeri and Hania Soheil; Panel Discussion with Chairman Michael J. Brennan, Commissioner Mathis and Justice William Holdridge and Case Law Update by Jessica Bell and Kevin Elder. Registration can be done online [here](#).

2020 Winter Series CLE: Saturday, January 11 – Family law and professional responsibility; Friday, January 17 Civil Practice; Saturday, January 25 *to be determined*; Friday, January 31 Cannabis Seminar, "Up in Smoke: Tearing Up Old Law Criminalizing Demon Weed"; and Saturday, February 8 Estate Planning & Probate.

Membership

We received an application for membership from Richard Tomich and an application for student membership from Colin M. Mummery. Richard is employed with Knight Nicasastro & MacKay in Peoria and Colin is a student at the University of Illinois, College of Law. Correction from the September LegalEase: Member Maggi Wettstein is employed as an assistant public defender with Peoria County, not the State's Attorneys' Office.

Memorial



On August 30, 2019, a member of the association, David M. Lynch, passed away. David was a graduate of Richwoods High School and Monmouth College. He was in the U.S. Army and served in the Vietnam War. After graduating Law School at the University of Illinois College of Law, he began the law firm Lynch & Bloom P.C. where he practiced over 40 years. He was President of the PCBA from 1989-1990. Memorials in memory of Mr. Lynch may be made to the PCBA Foundation by sending a check to the Peoria County Bar Association Foundation, or online at www.peoriabar.org and clicking on "PCBA Foundation" on the home page.

The PCBA has donated \$100 to the PCBA Foundation in memory of David Lynch..

Substantive Law

The next issue of the Substantive Law Newsletter will be available in October. If you have any reports or updates for your section, please send them to J. Kevin Wolfe at jkwolfe@hslaw.us.

Young Lawyers

The YLC Fall Blood Drive will be on **Wednesday, October 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in room 403 of the Peoria County Courthouse. To make an appointment contact Blood Drive Co-Chairs, Kaleigh Stevens at kstevens@peorialawyers.com or Melissa Schoenbein at Melissa_Schoenbein@ilcd.uscourts.gov.

Information on **Project Santa** will be sent to members in October or early November. Thank you to everyone who participates in this project each year! Please keep an eye on your email for more details!

Other News

Pro Bono Week

The Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee will recognize National Pro Bono Week and celebrate attorneys who have provided pro bono legal services within the circuit at their "Celebrate Pro Bono Reception" on Monday, October 21, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Caterpillar Visitors Center, located at 110 S.W. Washington Street in Peoria. The reception is co-sponsored by the Legal Services Division of Caterpillar, Inc., the Peoria County Bar Association, the Tazewell County Bar Association, Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., and the Public Interest Law Initiative. The event is open to attorneys, judges, court staff, and to the press. Special guest speaker Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas Kilbride will deliver keynote remarks, and other speakers include Tenth Judicial Circuit Chief Judge Paul P. Gilfillan; Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee Chair and Peoria County Bar Association Pro Bono Committee Chair, Judge Lisa Wilson; Ann Pieper from the Tazewell County Bar Association, and Denise Conklin, Managing Attorney of the Peoria Prairie State Legal Services office.

The Celebrate Pro Bono Reception will recognize all area attorneys who have provided pro bono legal services in the last year through Prairie State Legal Services and all pro bono opportunities provided in the Tenth Judicial Circuit. This event is free, and advance registration is required by October 17, 2019. Please RSVP at www.pili.org/10th, and if there are any questions pertaining to the event, please contact Judge Lisa Wilson at lwilson@peoriacounty.org.

GAL Training

On October 16th and 17th the ISBA Child Law Section Committee is holding GAL training in Springfield at the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. For more information and to register, follow this link:

https://www.isba.org/cle/path?pathPage=%2Fisba%2Fcourses%2F13876%2Fin_person_events%2F489

Lawyer's Assistance Program

Mathematics of Addiction & Co-Dependency by LAP Clinical Case Manager Joe Scally, MA, JD can be read [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.

2019-20 Board of Directors

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COLUMBUS DAY SEMINAR - MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

First United Methodist Church, 116 NE Perry Ave., Peoria
Ethics in the early morning and keeping pests away through the afternoon!

Get two hours of general ethics as the ARDC and others present on Trust Accounting Pitfalls and effective responses to 14 day letters; followed by a seminar on all types of Protective Orders from domestic violence, to stalkers such as neighbors, former friends and former and present employees and how you can use limited scope agreements effectively in these types of situations.

Part I*

8:00 Check-in and continental breakfast opens at 8:00 a.m.

8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Professional Responsibility/Ethics Seminar – Topics include:

- Hot Topics at the ARDC – Melissa Smart, ARDC
- Trust Accounting Pitfalls – Kathrynne Hayes
- 14 Day Letter Responses (*tentative*) – Jeff Corso

Part II

11:30 Check-in and pizza lunch open at 11:30 a.m.

12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Topics include:

- Illinois Domestic Violence Act Orders of Protection – Judge Kim Kelley
- No Stalking/No Contact Orders and Services Provided by their Offices – Barry Pinter, The Office of Sexual Assault and Advocacy Services, and Julie Boland, Center for Prevention of Abuse.
- Civil No Contact Orders (and the Corporation as Petitioner) – Kelly Giraudo & Tamara Meister
- Employment Law Orders of Protection – Michael Gifford
- Limited Scope Agreements – Judge Lisa Wilson

Cost: PCBA Member \$65 per seminar, or \$120 for both | Non-Member \$95 per seminar, or \$180 for both
Morning seminar includes a continental breakfast and afternoon seminar includes a pizza lunch. Registration can be done online at www.peoriabar.org and clicking on the event calendar.

***The PCBA will seek approval from the Illinois Supreme Court’s Commission on Professionalism for two hours of MCLE Professional Responsibility credit.**

Attorney Name: _____

Email Address: _____

ARDC Number: _____

Morning Only

Afternoon Only

Both Seminars