



# LegalEase

October 2021

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

## **President's Message**

Hello Members! Another month of 2021 is about to be history. September was a successful month for the Bar Association, and we are following it up with an exciting October! You can show your support for diversity in our profession by attending the Annual Diversity Luncheon on October 13 which honors our Diversity Scholarship Recipients and by attending our virtual professional responsibility CLE on October 22 with one hour focused on Implicit Bias in Jury Instructions. This CLE will be two hours of professional responsibility, with one hour submitted for diversity CLE credit. I hope that you will join me at both the virtual luncheon and the virtual CLE. Are you looking for a committee to join? The Bar Association has an active Diversity and Inclusion Committee which is chaired this year by Yolanda Riley. Besides planning the annual Diversity Luncheon, the committee has been discussing other projects. Please considering joining the Diversity Committee to lend your talents to increasing diversity in our community of professionals. Please contact Stephanie Bitner if you have any questions about joining any PCBA committee. Last, but not least, don't forget to come by the PCBA office later this month to be photographed for the new PCBA Pictorial Directory. The PCBA Pictorial Directory is the original attorney Facebook, but without the ads and political commentary. Don't miss out on being including in this directory! Have a great month!



## **October**

- 11 Columbus Day – Courts Closed, Courthouse Open
- 13 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Luncheon, Noon – 1:00 p.m. through Zoom
- 22 Fall Professional Responsibility Webinar, Noon – 2:00 p.m. through Zoom
- 25 Attorney Professional Photos, A – D at the PCBA Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 26 Attorney Professional Photos, E – I at the PCBA Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 27 Attorney Professional Photos, J – M at the PCBA Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 28 Attorney Professional Photos, N – R at the PCBA Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 29 Attorney Professional Photos, S – Z at the PCBA Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **Committee Meetings**

**October - All meetings are at Noon. A "Z" means the committee is meeting through Zoom. An "O" means the PCBA Office**

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|---|---------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Estate Planning & Probate Section (Z) | 12 | Pro Bono (Z)                   |
| 4 | Public Relations (Z)                  | 14 | YLC (TBD)                      |
| 5 | Real Property (Z)                     | 15 | Continuing Legal Education (O) |
| 6 | Diversity (Z)                         | 19 | Board of Directors (O)         |
| 7 | Civil Practice Section (Z)            | 21 | LMB (Z)                        |
| 8 | Holiday Party (Z)                     |    |                                |

## **Committee Reports**

### **Communications & Technology**

Attorney professional photos will be taken the week of October 25 - 29 and November 1 - 2 at the PCBA Office, 110 SW Jefferson Ave., Suite 520. The cost is \$55 and includes your sitting fee and digital photo.

**Photos will be taken from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily on a first come, first served basis. Please try to attend on your appropriate day.** There will not be an option to have your picture taken at the photographer's studio this year.

### **Schedule (by last name):**

- Monday, October 25 - A - D
- Tuesday, October 26 - E - I
- Wednesday, October 27 - J - M
- Thursday, October 28 - N - R
- Friday, October 29 - S - Z

Monday, November 1 - Make up day

Tuesday, November 2 - Make up day

**Registration is not required to get your picture taken, but in order to pay the fee by credit card, you must use this link. You can also go to the event calendar on the PCBA website and click on the October 25 event. If you would like to pay by credit card, please make your payment prior to arriving at the office.** You can also pay by check. Checks should be made payable to the Peoria County Bar Association.

## **Diversity**



The **18th Annual Diversity Luncheon** will be taking place virtually on **Wednesday, October 13 from Noon – 1:00 p.m.** through Zoom. Keynote speakers are **Dr. Rita Ali**, Peoria Mayor and **Eric Echevarria**, Peoria Police Chief. Cost is a minimum of \$25 per person and registration can be done online by clicking [here](#), or visiting our website [www.peoriabar.org](http://www.peoriabar.org) and clicking on the event calendar. If you would like to donate more than the \$25 registration fee, please send a check to the PCBA Office made out to the Peoria County Bar Association Foundation. Even though we are unable to have this event in person, we do hope you will continue to support the Diversity Committee and the Robert H. Jennetten Diversity Scholarship by attending this virtual event.

## **Entertainment – Golf Outing**

Thank you to everyone who attended the PCBA Golf Outing on Friday, September 10. The weather was absolutely perfect and we had a great turnout! At right are the winners of this year's event (left to right): Brad Clare, John Fleming, Abby Fleming and Ryan Brown. Winners of the on-course contests were: Meribeth Dua – hole #6 longest putt, Chief Judge Katherine Gorman – women's longest drive, Ryan Brown – men's longest drive and Abby Fleming – hole # 18 longest putt.



## **Entertainment – Holiday Party**

Save-the-Date! The Holiday Party will be on Thursday, December 16 at the Warehouse on State. Registration will open in late October.

## **Local Continuing Legal Education**

### **2021 Fall Professional Responsibility Seminar**

This seminar will take place on **Friday, October 22 from Noon – 2:00 p.m.** through Zoom. This course will be submitted for 1 hour of diversity & inclusion credit and 1 hour of professional responsibility.

Topics include:

**Implicit Bias in Jury Instructions** by Judge Mark Bennett

**Representing Mentally Ill & Incompetent Clients** by Katherine Swise and Ann Pieper

Cost is \$65 for PCBA Members, \$80 for McLean County Bar Members and \$95 for Non-Members. Registration can be completed online by clicking [here](#), or visiting [www.peoriabar.org](http://www.peoriabar.org) and clicking on the event calendar. Whether paying by check or credit card, you must register for the seminar online first. Course materials and Zoom information will be emailed the week of the seminar.

### **Fall Workers' Compensation Seminar**

This seminar will be on **Friday, November 5 from Noon – 4:15 p.m.** at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Lunch *will not* be provided but will have break time snacks. Check-in will open at 11:30 a.m.

Topics include:

12:00 - 12:30 Commissioner Procedure Update

12:30 - 1:30 Arbitrator Panel Q&A

1:30 - 2:00 Ethics, Civility & Procedures

2:00 - 2:15 *BREAK - snacks provided*

2:15 - 3:00 Case Law Update

3:00 - 3:45 Talk with the Doctor

3:45 - 4:15 Fight Over Section 12 vs. Independent Medical Exams - Petitioner & Respondent

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## **Memorials**



On September 27, 2021, a member of the Association, Gary L. Clark, passed away. Gary attended St. Ambrose University and graduated from the University of Illinois with his law degree. Upon graduation he served with the Army National Guard and then began practicing law. He practiced for more than 30 years in Peoria. Contributions to the Peoria County Bar Association Foundation may be made online by clicking [here](#) or by sending a check to the Peoria County Bar Association Foundation in memory of Gary L. Clark.

*The PCBA has made a \$100 contribution to the Foundation in memory of Gary.*

## **2021-22 Board of Directors**

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