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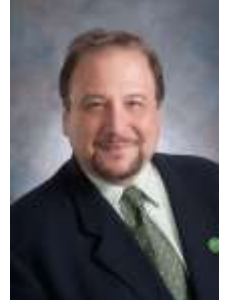
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*Newsletter of the Peoria County Bar Association, an Accredited Provider of Continuing Legal Education.*

## **Message from the President**

August 3, 1998 was a very auspicious day for the Peoria County Bar Association as that was the day that Linda Raineri began her employment as the staff of the PCBA. Linda succeeded Lela Post who was the first full-time Executive Director of the Association. Lela had begun as the Executive Secretary of the Bar following the retirement of Mary Louise Jacquin who had worked part-time as Executive Secretary while working as the Librarian of the Peoria County Law Library. During her twenty years of service Linda has assisted 20 PCBA Presidents in making our Bar Association one of the most respected and admired bar associations in the State of Illinois. Linda has worked tirelessly, and I mean TIRELESSLY, to administer and attend all of the programs, events, seminars and meetings that occur throughout the year. She has kept the books and the records of the Association. She oversaw the relocation of the Association offices to its present location. She has been the heart and soul of the PCBA.

So when you see Linda-please wish her a Happy Anniversary and many more. This is the year of Linda. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for your devotion, loyalty, and leadership and look forward to the next 20 years.



## **Court News** *By Chief Judge Paul P. Gilfillan*

1. Peoria County criminal courts (except traffic) are going file-less 9-1-18. To be followed by e-Courts (misdemeanor first) in the fall and thereafter. No timeline yet on e-Filing in criminal cases.
2. Commendations go to Circuit Clerk Bob Spears and his staff for the outstanding turnaround time between actual e-Filing of pleadings in civil cases by litigants and the 'acceptance/filing' of same by his office. In July alone, 6,464 pleadings/documents were e-Filed and timely accepted by his office.
3. Visit [10thcircuitcourtil.org](http://10thcircuitcourtil.org) for court announcements, including Amended 2018 Tazewell assignments, effective 9-1-18. Welcome to the bench Judge Bruce P. Fehrenbacher!

## **Upcoming CLE**

**Appellate Practice – September 12**, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Topics include an overview of appellate practice and the appeal process, preserving error for appeal during trial, final orders and interlocutory appeal options, post-trial motions and notices of appeal and cross appeal, e-filing, a moderated panel of specialties (work comp, domestic and family, administrative review and criminal), and concludes with a moderated panel discussion with appellate justices. Mark your calendar for this seminar -- four hours general MCLE credit. Register now by visiting [www.peoriabar.org](http://www.peoriabar.org) and clicking on our event calendar, or by clicking [here](#). See page 3 for more CLE opportunities.

## **Strides for Justice: Saturday, September 29**

Sign up at [StridesForJustice.com](http://StridesForJustice.com) by midnight **Friday, August 31**, to guarantee your early bird discount rate, but sign up any time including at Tower Park on race day. A family of four or more gets a great flat fee discount, and a team of 10 or more legal professionals from one or more firms or offices can also get a discount! For more information see article on page two.

## **Diversity Luncheon**

Registration has opened for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Luncheon being held on **Wednesday, October 10, 2018**, at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Chief Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court, Timothy C. Evans, will be the keynote speaker. The recipients of the 2018 Robert H. Jennetten Diversity Scholarship will be announced. Remember, proceeds from the event benefit the scholarship



## **Schedule of Events & Court Holidays**

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 3 Labor Day – Courts & Courthouse closed, PCBA office closed
- 12 Appellate Practice for the Trial Attorney Spalding Pastoral Center— 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- 29 Strides for Justice – Tower Park/Grandview Drive – 8:00 a.m.

### **OCTOBER**

- 8 Columbus Day – Courts closed, courthouse open
- 10 Diversity Luncheon – Noon – 1:00 p.m. – Spalding Pastoral Center

### **NOVEMBER**

- 9 Tried & True: Part V – The Appeal – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Spalding Pastoral Center
- 14 Workers' Compensation Seminar – 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. – Heyl Royster Learning Center
- 22 & 23 Thanksgiving – Courts and courthouse closed

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

### September

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| 4  | Real Property             | 13 | YLC                        | 20 | Diversity   |
| 6  | PCBA 2030                 | 14 | Fitness, Health & Wellness | 26 | Family Law  |
| 7  | Estate Planning & Probate | 17 | Civil Practice             | 27 | Communications & Technology                       |
| 10 | Workers' Comp             | 18 | Board                      | 27 | Meet the Judges – Judge<br>Washington's courtroom |
| 11 | CLE                       | 19 | Lincoln Memorial Banquet   |    |   |

## **Committee Reports**

### **Communications & Technology**

#### **Attorneys' Directory**

We are working hard on the 2018-2019 attorneys' directory. Please check your listing in the current directory and let Stephanie know if your information has changed. Email the changes to [pcbaasst@mtco.com](mailto:pcbaasst@mtco.com).

#### **Diversity**

We say farewell to the last of our Judicial Summer Interns, Beverly Garland, shown here accepting the stipend for her hard work. At right is Beverly with Judge Shadid, Diversity Chair Peter Jennetten and Vice Chair Christopher McCall.

The Judicial Summer Intern Program is a project of the Diversity Committee and is funded by the PCBA Foundation. If you would like to make a pledge to this program, contact Linda at the PCBA, [pcba@mtco.com](mailto:pcba@mtco.com) or 674-6049.



#### **Entertainment** *Save the date!* **Thursday, December 13 – Holiday Party.**

### **Fitness Health & Wellness**

Do you want to take one (or a few) steps towards living longer and happier? Do you enjoy being outside, and/or seeing beautiful vistas? Do you support our legal aid provider, Prairie State Legal Services? Do you like pizza?

Unless your answer to all four of these questions is a firm and resounding “No”, you should be signing up for the PCBA’s 11<sup>th</sup> annual “Strides for Justice” which is set for Saturday morning, September 29, at 8:00 a.m. Developed by the Fitness, Health & Welfare Committee, this event includes a 5K (3.1 mile) race for any and all paces, as well as a 1-mile walk for those who prefer, all on spectacular Grandview Drive. While we have some fast runners in the legal community, many are more in the category of joggers, those who run and walk in intervals, and walkers who want to do the whole 3.1 miles—so the fact that you may not be an accomplished runner is simply not an excuse. Any movement over the 1-mile walking course or the 3.1-mile race course is good for your health, as well as a great opportunity to appreciate the always-breathtaking river views along the World’s Most Beautiful Drive.

The financial support this provides for Prairie State Legal Services, and the after-race pizza at Oliver’s in the Heights, are also good reasons to participate! Strides for Justice is open to anyone, so get your staff, friends, family, clients, and neighbors to register!

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#### **PCBA’s Bad News Barristers Softball Team**

The PCBA co-ed softball team had a fun and eventful season! The team played the Peoria Park District’s short season with games being held on Monday nights from May through July. On Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, the “Bad News Barristers” played the final game of the season, finishing fourth in the league. PCBA team members included attorneys Kyle Tompkins, Kevin Day and Emily Perkins (co-managers), Paul Brodersen, Kerriane Waters, Wade Blumenshine, Erik Gibson, Jason Story, Logan Block, Joe Cassidy, Paige Blumenshine and Greg Cerulo. The team was also comprised of legal staff members, including paralegal Rachel Ford and accounting clerk Celia Santos, as well as non-attorneys Marci Howe and Carley Allensworth.



The team hopes to play a longer season next year, and all are welcome to play!

Invitations are extended to legal staff and administration. Finally, a special thanks to our substitute players, Becky Petrany and Jenn Blumenshine, as well as attorney Kateah McMasters for cheering us on at the last game of the season.

### **Government and Public Interest Law**

Please join the Government & Public Interest Law Committee on **Tuesday, October 23, 2018**, at noon in the PCBA office to hear National Labor Relations Board Regional Director Patricia Nachand speak. Please share this information with others who may be interested in attending this event.

## Lincoln Memorial Banquet

Save the date! The 111<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Local Continuing Legal Education

**Tried & True: Part V – The Appeal – 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 is worth 2 hours of professional responsibility credit. Register now by visiting [www.peoriabar.org](http://www.peoriabar.org) and clicking on our 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, Dr. Fahed El Chami, D.P.M., 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](http://www.peoriabar.org) and clicking on our event calendar, or by clicking [here](#).

**2019 Winter Series** – Save the dates! **Saturday mornings**: January 12 – Family Law, Kelly Giraud & Judge Maher, co-chairs; January 19 – Estate Planning, Probate & Elder Law, Susan Dawson-Tibbits, Chair; January 26 – Civil Practice, J. Kevin Wolfe, Chair; and **Friday afternoons**: February 8 – Employment Law, Mike Lied, Chair, and February 1 – A Multidisciplinary Look at Social Media and Technology, Judge Maher, 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, Criminal Law, Appellate Practice, Federal Practice and one to be determined. 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 **Julie C. Hagen** and **Jennifer Donnelly**, an application for membership renewal from **Stephen Bush**, and an application for student membership from **Kaleigh Stevens**. Julie and Jennifer are law clerks for Justice Daniel Schmidt, Stephen is a partner at Addy, Bush, Neiner and Associates, and Kaleigh is with Johnson, Bunce and Noble. Their applications will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval in October.

## **Membership Dues**

Second dues notices were sent via email on August 15 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. If you haven’t received an email (or overlooked it or deleted it) contact the PCBA for assistance in renewing your membership. The email has a link for you to click to renew. **If you do not renew by September 15 your membership will expire and you will no longer be able to access member benefits on the website. Please renew before CLE season begins so you can get the PCBA Member discount!**

## Commercial Law and Litigation Section

The Commercial Law and Litigation Section of the Substantive Law Committee will hold a special meeting on Monday, October 1, at noon at the PCBA office. There will be a presentation by Tyler Technologies on a new program – **re:Search**, “Improving Access to Court Records – A portal for case records and documents across multiple jurisdictions.” Lunch will be sponsored by Tyler Technologies. Please email Linda at [pcba@mtco.com](mailto:pcba@mtco.com) to reserve your place at the conference room table. Seating limited; reservation required.

## Young Lawyers Committee

Mark your calendar for the October **Blood Drive** at the Peoria County Courthouse 4<sup>th</sup> floor County Board Room from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will be either **October 23<sup>rd</sup>** or **30<sup>th</sup>**, as we are awaiting confirmation. Thanks go to **Kevin Sheahan** at right (Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth) for his work on the YLC’s Adopt-a-Box on Washington Street, a part of the Keep Peoria Beautiful program.

## Other News

- To read about Peoria County’s Veterans Problem-Solving Court and what services are available to veterans through the Veterans Justice Outreach program, please click [here](#).





- The McLean County Bar Association is hosting a 2-day Guardian Ad Litem Child Representative Certification seminar on **October 23 & 24** at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Normal. To register, click [here](#).
- The Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee is pleased to host a Complimentary CLE on the topics of Mental Health and Family Law Basics on Wednesday, **September 12**, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at Heyl, Royster, Voelker, & Allen, P.C. at 300 Hamilton Boulevard in Peoria. Lunch will be provided for those who are registered to attend the CLE. Advance registration is required at [www.pili.org/10thcircuit](http://www.pili.org/10thcircuit). Participants will receive 3 hours of CLE credit, which includes 1 hour of Mental Health CLE credit. As this program is complimentary, all attendees will be expected to accept a pro bono matter within the next year. This event is being co-sponsored by the Peoria County Bar Association, Prairie State Legal Services, the Tazewell County Bar Association and the Public Interest Law Initiative. If you have any questions with regard to this event, please feel free to contact Judge Lisa Wilson at [lwilson@peoriacounty.org](mailto:lwilson@peoriacounty.org) or at (309) 672-6905.
- The Federal Bar Association's Central District of Illinois Chapter is hosting a seminar on **September 21** at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Topics include: Advancing your Case in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois & Practice Pointers and Tips of the Trade: Bankruptcy Practice. For more information and to register, click [here](#).
- LAP's article, *There is No Shame In Asking for Help*, can be read by clicking [here](#).

**Directory Changes** – Robertson, Sheryl: Prairie State Legal Services, 331 Fulton St., Suite 600, 61602, phone: 674-9831  
email: [Srobertson@pslegal.org](mailto:Srobertson@pslegal.org)

**Will Search** - Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a will for Atlas P. Waddle, DOB: 1/27/1949 DOD: 8/5/2018, contact Mike Fleming at [mfleming@cgolawfirm.com](mailto:mfleming@cgolawfirm.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](mailto:fullerlaw@hotmail.com).

### **Books for sale**

Large library of trial psychology books for sale including Jury Selection, Witness Preparation, Case Theme Development, and many more. Prices range from \$10.00 to \$100.00 each, call for an appointment. Rodney Nordstrom (309) 685-2326 [jurydoctor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jurydoctor@sbcglobal.net)

**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](mailto: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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